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Proposed Student Fee Resolution Passed on Monday

Kristie Cattafi
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The proposed resolution to have MSU students pay a fee to the towns it resides in is still moving forward.

This past Monday, the town of Little Falls passed a resolution in favor of the student fees. Little Falls Council member, William Liess said the resolution is a statewide initiative that the town was asked to be a part of.

"I don't like the idea to charge students for funding that should come elsewhere," he said.

In November, Montclair Mayor Jerry Fried proposed a student fee resolution at the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City.

Four or five years ago, a similar resolution was in the works by former Mayor of Orange, Mims Hackett. The bill never gained support and Hackett later pleaded guilty to corruption charges in 2008.

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Student Center Display Cases Emptied Due to Vandalism

Total of Nine Incidents Occurred Since Last Fall

Dana Sobel
STAFF WRITER

Display cases containing school merchandise intended to boost school spirit turn into acts of vandalism and theft, according to Andrew Pignataro, director of auxiliary services.

These display cases were placed in the Student Center Lobby and designed to give students insight into the newest apparel and accessories at the University Bookstore. The cases were installed in the summer of 2009, and since the fall term, have been vandalized on nine independent occasions.

Before the spring term started, new locks and glass doors were installed and new merchandise from the University Bookstore was on display.

On Jan. 21, one of the cases were defaced again. The glass was shattered and \$22

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SPECIAL REPORT

Want to Print? Get in Line

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A line of 20 students wraps around the fifth floor computer lab of University Hall. Three minutes pass; some students stand rigidly and clutch the straps of their backpacks with both hands. Five minutes; other students start to lean against the clear glass walls of the computer lab and peer in at students using computers. Seven minutes; the line inches three steps forward as each student's face wears a grimace.

"My freakin' class starts at 10," says Iman Coachman, 20, a business major to her friend while four people stand in front of them in line. The clock above the elevator doors reads 9:53 a.m.

Coachman folds her arms across her chest and begins to tap her right foot. Her jaw stiffens and her eyes become fixed on the clock.

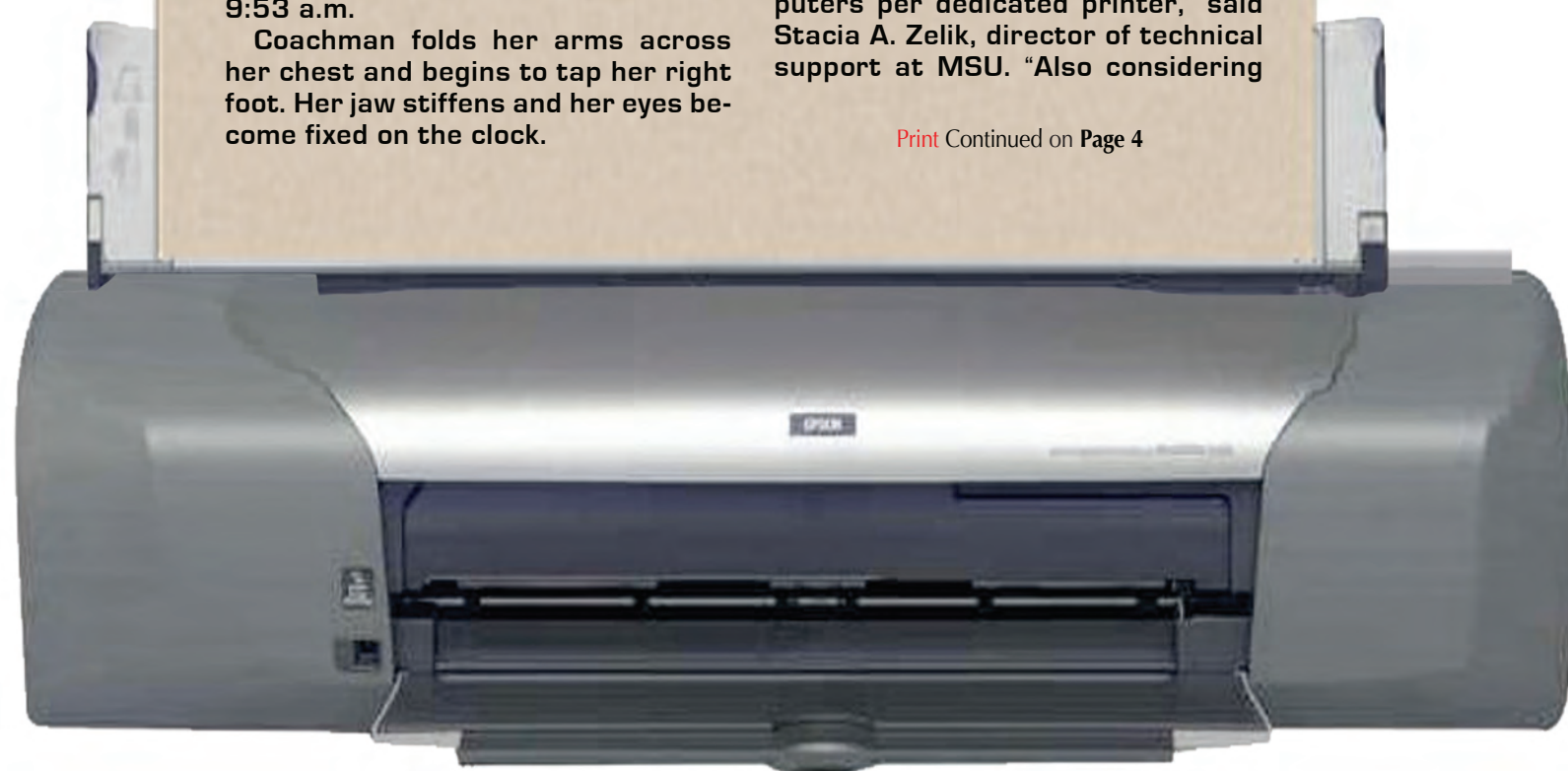
"Get to class on time or show up late with the hand-outs we were supposed print out?" Coachman asks her friend. "We'll probably get points off for being late or be totally unprepared for the lesson, so either way we're screwed."

Coachman takes a deep breath; she signals to her friend by raising her eyebrows and both students start to move their feet toward the fifth-floor stairway.

There are five computing labs with printers open to students on the Montclair State University campus, totaling 10 free printers accessible for use. With more than 18,000 students at Montclair State University, the current student to printer ratio is 1,817 to 1, the highest of five area colleges within a 16-mile radius of campus.

"There are approximately 30 computers per dedicated printer," said Stacia A. Zelik, director of technical support at MSU. "Also considering

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Lot 17 No Longer Free During Weekends

Lurdes Ruela
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Lot 17 and the metered parking spots in front of the Student Center and along the side of Blanton are no longer free for weekends. The signs allowing free weekend parking have been taken down since last semester.

"The policy was changed at the beginning of the current academic year to ensure fair and equitable overnight and weekend access to the metered spaces by students and visitors," Tim Carey, assistant vice president of university facilities, said in an e-mail.



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Two cars parked in Lot 17, which does not allow free weekend parking anymore, received ticket slips.

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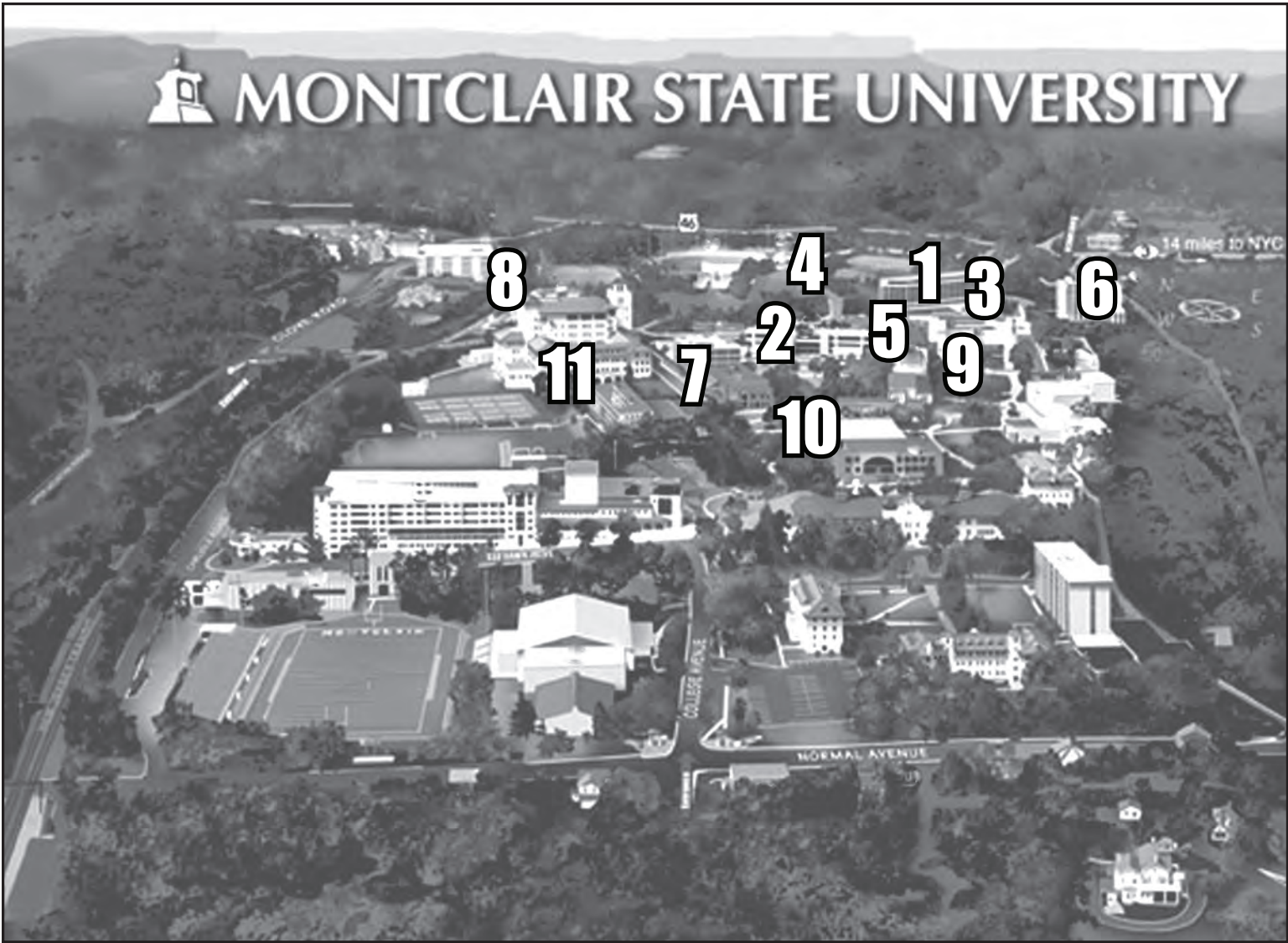
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Pelican Police Report



1 On Jan. 20: John Pascali was arrested and charged with possession of CDS marijuana under 50 grams and underage consumption of alcohol while in Blanton Hall. Daniel Kolic was charged with underage possession of alcohol while in Blanton Hall.

2 On Jan. 20: A student reported the theft of her wristlet left unsecured outside of the Student Center. Property was later recovered.

3 On Jan. 21: A student reported the theft of his wallet from his residence in Blanton Hall. Property was later recovered.

4 On Jan. 21: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag from her unsecured vehicle parked in Lot 22.

5 On Jan. 21: Anthony Alabi was arrested and charged with trespassing while in Blanton Hall.

6 On Jan.22: MSUPD responded to Bohn Hall for a false public alarm and an act of criminal mischief.

7 On Jan. 22: A MSU employee reported criminal mischief damage to a glass display case and the theft of property inside of the case in the Student Center. **(See page 1 and 3 for full-story.)**

8 On Jan. 23: A student reported the theft of his digital camera left unsecured in Williams Hall.

9 On Jan. 23: Brian Burgess was arrested and charged with simple assault and trespassing while in Blanton Hall.

10 On Jan. 25: Joseph Choi was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property while in the Student Center.

11 On Jan. 26: Brett Farrell was arrested and charged with being under the influence of CDS marijuana and driving under the influence while on Red Hawk Way. Ian Oates was arrested and charged with being under the influence and in possession of CDS marijuana under 50 grams while on Red Hawk Way.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

SGA Notes

-Flag Raising for Black History Month at 12 p.m. on Feb. 1.

-Bill passed sending the SGA's condolences to the victims in Haiti.

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New Changes Made to Graduate Record Exam After 20 Years

Nicole Simonetti
STAFF WRITER

Serious changes have been made to the Graduate Record Exam, which has been the same for 20 years, Neill Seltzer, author of the Princeton Review book “Cracking the GRE” and responsible for the content of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test preparation courses nationwide, said.

"At the end of the day, it is still a standardized test."

The Educational Testing Service called these changes “the largest revisions” in the history of the test. Seltzer agreed that it is the largest change content wise but assured that it is for the better and not the worse.

“These changes are somewhat subtle, and the students who have prepared well will be in a much better position to use the test to their advantage,” Seltzer said.

Questions, such as geometry problems you solved while in eighth grade, will now be replaced with real life scenarios. This change is aimed to be thought provoking and result in a well thought out answer, rather than memorization.

Aside from introducing relevance, there are other more prominent changes. The GRE, which was originally graded on a scale from 200-800, is now graded at one point increments on a scale from 130-170. The analytical section of the GRE will now consist of short answers, rather than one stress-building essay.

For those who are lacking in mathematical skills, you no longer have the advantage of picking a number for your math problems, instead there will be numeric entry; there will no longer be any multiple choice answers, but there is now an on-screen calculator included.

Along with a new scale for scores and a change for the mathematic sections, there comes a transition of focus within the GRE. Those mind boggling analogies and tedious antonyms will be removed from the standardized tests in hopes that reasoning and critical thinking skills can be introduced instead. Through this change, we can see the strong attempt to bring relevance into the world of standardized testing created by the Educational Testing Service, who administers the GRE.

While all these changes may worry future GRE takers, the computer change on the new test will relieve a

lot of stress. In past tests, the computer did not give you the opportunity to skip a question and come back to it but it, does now.

“Use this change to your advantage and it will give you a huge advantage,” Seltzer advised.

Some students may begin to wonder if the preparation for this standardized test will differ, but Seltzer does not think it will by much.

“The amount of time and effort won’t change but students that are most definitely in favor are those who are better prepared,” he said.

The original fundamentals have not been changed; there will just be new strategies to take into the test.

“You wouldn’t dream of going into a psychology final without prepping, the same goes true for the GRE. As much as they say it can be coached, your score is completely in your hands,” Seltzer said.

Students should keep in mind that scores from the GRE remain for another five years.

Those of you who are planning to take the GRE within the next eighteen months will have the opportunity to take the old test and the new test, expected in 2011.

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- The Graduate Record Exam has not been changed for 20 years.
- The GRE is now being graded at one point increments on a scale from 130-170.
- No more multiple choice problems in the mathematical section.
- On-screen calculator included.
- Problems placed with "real life scenarios."

Got Wireless? Blanton Hall Receives the Connection

Stefanie Sears
STAFF WRITER

Blanton Hall has just recently received wireless Internet access. For other residence halls, wireless is currently being developed, according to Edward Chapel, vice president for information technology (OIT).

“Honestly, I don't care all that much. I mean, it's a dorm; do I really need Internet everywhere?”

Katlynn Bennett
Freshman

Due to high demand, the goal is to make every square inch of the entire campus become fully wireless in two to two and a half years.

“It was an institutional decision,” Chapel said. “Wireless communication moved up the list of priorities.”

Chapel said the process was actually in preparation for three years and the first year was dedicated to searching the radio frequency map to determine what was needed for the procedure. Once they found the best frequency, the university put their bid requirements of necessities up for auction.

There are three phases to building this wireless network. The first is the residence halls, the second is the administrative and academic buildings and finally, the third is outside of the buildings. Areas already with Wi-Fi connection can be found at oit.montclair.edu.

Eventually, students, faculty and staff will be able to walk anywhere with their portable computing devices, including iPhones. Chapel wishes to point out that this plan does not only accommodate laptops without losing the signal.

“You can bring your laptop with you, access information and services whenever and wherever you want. It is a big convenience,” Chapel remarked.

When asked about the wireless service in Blanton Hall, the residents replied with a variety of views on the service.

“The wireless is not working with neither my iPhone nor my computer as the signal seems weak. However, I don’t think it is a waste of time, because it proves to be convenient and everything starts off slow sometimes,” commented sophomore Asha Rae McKenzie, who lives in Blanton Hall.

One other student, freshman Albert Wright, who lives in Blanton Hall, said “I like it, it’s convenient.

There are little glitches here and there where I have to shut down and reconnect. It would have been nice if this was implemented before I bought the Ethernet cord for \$10.”

“It was a good idea to have wireless, as it reduces traveling to other buildings such as University Hall, when not in my room. If, in any case, my Ethernet cable starts messing up, wireless definitely saves me [from] buying a new one.” Eva Tawiah, sophomore, Blanton Hall.

Freshman Sarah-Ann Yersin said, “We don’t have wireless Internet in Bohn Hall. While it is not a necessity, it would be nice. At first, I thought of not having wireless Internet as a setback but after getting used to it, it really isn’t that bad,” she said.

Some Freeman residents agree that although wireless Internet may prove to be a useful tool in their dorms, it is

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Ed Chapel
Vice President for Information Technology

not necessary:

“Honestly, I don’t care all that much. I mean, it’s a dorm; do I really need Internet everywhere? I get that your mobility is slightly limited but I do not know if it matters all that much to me. As long as we at least have some type of connection in the dorm and have the ability to access it in places such as academic buildings and the library, then I’m good,” freshman Katlynn Bennett said.

“I don’t know why we really need it. The Ethernet works just fine in the rooms, and it’s long enough to carry it around connected to the wire,” freshman Kelly Trachanowski said.

“The university is in its first phase of building a wireless network. It is not formally deployed,” Chapel said. “It is not working perfectly because we are not finished improving it. The wireless will always be on as an available pervasive connection. Lots of benefits will be realized once it is installed.”

The new Wi-Fi installation will help make learning experiences more productive and socially interactive because mobile connecting is the current standard, Chapel explained.

Meter Parking

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Carey said students and visitors who were seeking metered parking options during weekend and overnight hours initiated the suggested change.

Students and visitors who wanted to utilize venues such as the Student Recreation Center and the Red Hawk Diner on weekends were having a difficult time accessing metered spaces.

After discussing the issue, Carey said it was decided that a policy change should be implemented. The change was incorporated into the 2009-10 Parking Regulations and has been on the Transportation and Parking website since July 2009.

When asked if the lot had an effect on the attendance of the club's campus events, senior Joel Mendez, president of International Student Organization said: “I haven't seen any attendance changes yet, because we haven't had our first event of the semester but I think a lot of people won't want to come out [to campus events] especially those who don't live on campus, because people don't want to deal with parking.”

“They're charging for parking everywhere else and making so much money. They're just looking for money ... always money, money ... I mean we're paying about \$30,000 dollars to go to school why do you need to pay even extra,” sophomore Kari Novatin said.

Some students, like Holly Goodin, a senior commuter at Montclair, said there was a lack of communication with informing students about the policy change in an e-mail.

“It's frustrating because a lot of students do have activities on the weekends, like we have a rehearsal right now and it's just more convenient,” senior Goodin said.

“I'm not a commuter so this doesn't

affect me much, but I received e-mails about the the flu vaccine and the building projects, why didn't they send an email about this?” senior Samantha Mancinelli asked.

John Piantanita, a junior who lives at the La Quinta Hotel, expressed how he and his friends enjoyed going down to the main campus for dinner and having a place to park, but said that he now needed to buy a commuter pass or start paying for the meter parking.

“They're kind of isolating us from becoming part of the campus by doing that,” he said. “They're really just adding one more knife to the coffin of keeping us away from the on-campus life.”

Natalie Rusciani, a senior, said she was “unpleasantly surprised” when she received a ticket for parking in Lot 17 last weekend.

“Free metered parking on the weekends has always been convenient for student employees like me who have work in the wee hours of the morning, and it was nice to be able to receive visitors and direct them to free parking,” she said. “I suppose the university has to take in revenue any way it can, but this is definitely disappointing for me.”

During the time period that new signs were on order, the old signs were covered with plastic.

Since the plastic did not adhere to some of the signs, there were some people who unknowingly violated the new policy. These tickets were waived.

According to Carey, parking meters were first installed on campus in the Fall 2003 semester and prior to that time, residential students parked in Lot 28 and were not permitted to park in the areas where there are now metered parking spaces.



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Lot 17 is no longer offering free parking during the weekends.

SPECIAL REPORT

Want to Print? Get in Line

the push to go green and save the planet by not printing everything, [I think the amount of printers in the labs are enough.]”

Zelik is in charge of how many printers are used in the computing labs and also what printer make and models are used. She was unaware that the MSU student to printer ratio was higher than those of Kean University, Ramapo College, William Paterson University and New Jersey City University.

The University Hall Information Commons, UN5007 and UN5008, has three printers in one technology lab and one other printer in the other. At peak hours, which Information Technology employees say is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Thursdays, the wait for a computer can be up to 30 minutes.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2nd during the time of 11:10 a.m., the wait to get to a computer at the University Hall Information Commons was 23 minutes. The time it took to print out two one-page documents was an ad-

ditional eight minutes.

“Students get impatient, it’s understandable because everyone gets worried about being late to class,” said Tiffany Johnson, a student employee at the Office of Information and Technology as she waved people into the computer lab. “Sometimes, it can get really ugly.”

Stacia A. Zelik
Director of Technical Support

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Mailyn Ventura, 21, a senior biology major has dealt with this problem firsthand. Ventura said, “My stuff printed out and then someone took it. I printed it out again and then it still wasn’t there.”

Ventura was printing at the Surf

N’ Print lab, a three-printer computer lab located on the first floor of the Student Center. Students are timed by a system that permits them to use a computer and print documents for 10 minutes.

Ventura continued, “I got kicked off of the computer by my third try at printing, so I had to wait in line to get onto another computer again. It was so annoying and such a waste of time.” Ventura says her ordeal took nearly 30 minutes.

This computer lab was formerly maintained by the IT department but is now run and staffed by the student center. Marsha Campbell-Young, associate director of student center programming, oversees the SurfN’Print lab and was also unaware that MSU had the highest student to printer ratio out of the closest five public colleges schools.

“I think that has more to do with the number of students enrolled than the amount of computers,” Campbell-Young said. MSU enrollment has risen significantly, going from 15,637 in 2004 to currently being over 18,000.

On Monday, Dec. 7 during the time of 9:47 a.m., the wait to get a computer at the SurfN’Print lab was 14 minutes. Additional time to print out a 13-page document was three minutes.

A computer lab that used to be open for all student computer needs, during the Spring 09 semester, on the second floor of the library has been transformed into the student information multimedia lab for color printing only.

Nathaly Salazar, OIT employee, explains, “This lab always existed, it just used to be in the basement of the library. They just moved it up here, so more people know about it and put new software on the computers.”

The library handles the printing in the multimedia lab, including the cost to print one page. One color page costs 30 cents to print while one black and white page costs 10 cents. Salazar said, “The work you do here is graphic related, scanning or color related.”

A printing card must be purchased from the library in order to use this lab. It costs \$1.00 to buy a card and 50 cents of that goes to printing. Students can then refill the card as many times as they want.

“I’m so over the printing here. I bought my own printer and don’t even bother printing on campus.”

Kirsy Smith
Sophomore

To compensate for the lab that used to have lines curving around the wall to the silent study section, the university started a laptop loan program in the library.

In the laptop loan program, MSU students borrow a laptop for up to three hours.

Students are able to print in the library by taking the borrowed laptop to any library floor or Café Diem, and print documents to the library’s front counter. Students are not permitted to print from their own laptop because of network connections.

On Tuesday Dec. 1 at 2:20 p.m. the wait time for a laptop was 45 minutes. Additional time to print a four-page document was five minutes. It also takes up to two hours to charge the laptops.

“The other day, three or four people would just yell or get extremely upset because we have no laptops,” said Arthur Elwell, library OIT technician. “They saw me giving laptops to other people and they would accuse me of not giving laptops to them in particular. I have nothing against them. I just didn’t have any laptops to give out.”

Compared to the top four New Jersey public colleges in the immediate area, MSU comes up short as far as printers are concerned. Kean University, which has an enrollment of 13,050 undergraduate and graduate students, has 10 technology labs with printers open to all students. Kean’s student to printer ratio is 1305:1, compared to MSU’s 1817:1.

“In one of the buildings (Hennings Hall) that building alone has seven computer labs. They’re in classrooms, but students have access to it and can print all they want. They’re also building a new science and technol-

ogy building across the street, which is definitely going to have printing labs,” said Shanice Rimes, 21, junior at Kean University.

Kean University also has printing labs in their dorms, including the New Upperclassmen Dorm and Dougall Hall, so students have the convenience of not leaving their own residence halls.

Jeanine Stroh could not be reached for comment. Zelik says that each department is responsible for their own computers and the IT department is only responsible for computers and printers in the public computing labs.

William Paterson University has eight available printers for its 10,265 students, making its student to printer ratio 1,250:1. Free printers access is available at the William Paterson University library, atrium, science hall, Ben Shaun Art Center, and Valley Road. In addition, William Paterson does not charge students a technology fee for printing services.

Montclair State University charges a technology fee of \$146.25 in addition to tuition every semester. New Jersey City University charges a \$216 technology fee every semester but has a student to printer ratio of 852:1. Zelik says that the average cost for a printer used within the IT department at MSU is \$4,500.

Ramapo College has nine printing labs on campus for its 5,702 students. With a total of 11 printers, Ramapo College’s student to printer rate is 518:1.

Bill Johnston, applications development manager at Ramapo College said, “There’s usually one printer to each lab and there’s no maximum page limit. We try to have a printer for every 20 computers.”

Some students have come up with their own solution to the printing problem at MSU. Buying a personal printer is a way to beat lines in the computer labs as well as have easy access to printing documents.

“I’m so over the printing here. I bought my own printer and don’t even bother printing on campus,” said Kirsy Smith, sophomore Spanish major.

Although the MSU IT department has not provided any solutions to the shortage of printers, the SurfN’Print lab has already begun to address issues brought up by students in the student center.

“We’ve already purchased a fourth printer for the SurfN’Print lab. One of our staff suggested that we do so because of the high volume of use that we get there,” Campbell-Young said.

The fourth printer for the SurfN’Print lab will be installed during the winter break. Campbell-Young says she hopes it will alleviate traffic during the lab’s peak times, which are the final weeks of the semester.

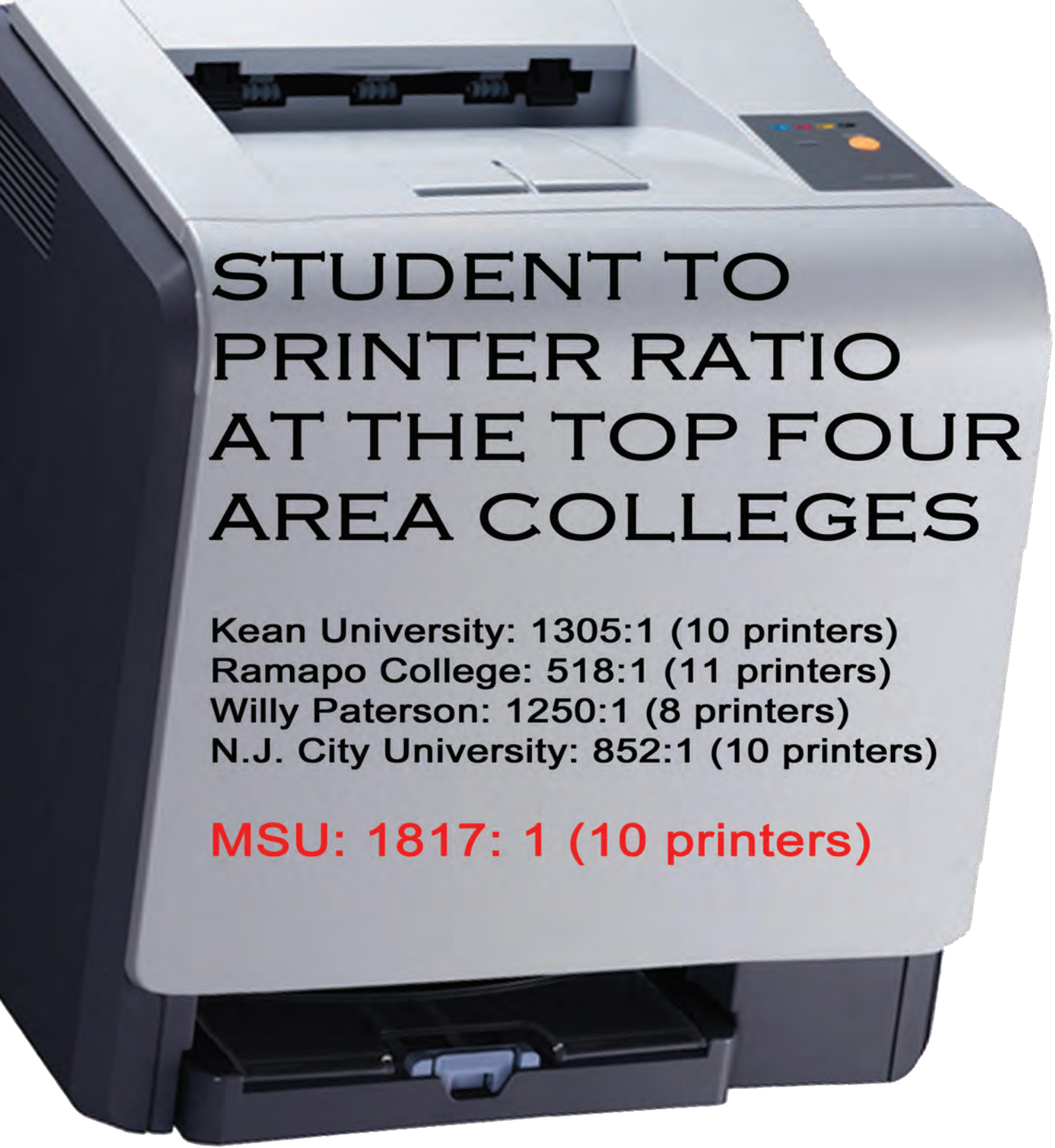
Johnston shared his advice on what MSU could do about the current printer situation. Out of all five of the area public schools, Ramapo had the lowest student to printer ratio.

“I’m not familiar with all the details at Montclair, but I think the simple solution would be to either lower their enrollment or get more printers,” Johnston said. “It might not even be a case of actually purchasing more printers, but taking a printer that hardly gets used from a department office of classroom and moving it to where it’s better needed.”

Iman Coachman bolts down the stairway of University Hall, as if she were in a race against the ticking clock that was above the fifth floor elevator doors. The sound of her black rubber flats reverberates throughout the stairwell

“This isn’t the first time this happened to me,” Coachman says, catching her breath. “And I know I’m not the only one.”

This piece was done as an assignment for Professor Ron Hollander’s feature writing class.



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(Left) President of Township Council Joeseeph Sisco and Little Falls council member William Liess (Right) discuss the proposed bill of student fees.

Liess and the President of Township Council, Joeseeph Sisco, who are both educators, agree that the town’s intentions aren’t to hurt the students.

“We’re not out to hurt the kids, but we need to protect our town,” Sisco said.

One of the reasons for the proposed fee is that fire and police departments assist the universities for free.

“No one wants to do it, but it brings attention that the state isn’t giving funding to higher education,” Liess said.

The proposed fees for MSU’s 18,000 students would be \$100 a year for full-time students and \$50 for part-time. The university is not commenting on the fee unless someone presents the university with a proposal, Interim Director of Communications, Paula Maliandi said.

“The fee is not the right way to go,” Liess said. “The right way to find money is from the state.”

The resolution that Little Falls passed will be passed along to the State League of Municipalities to show their support.

“We are in the process of trying to line up sponsors for the bill,” senior Legislature Analysis for the League of Municipalities, Mike Cerra said. “No bill has been introduced yet be-

cause we didn’t want to do it during the lame duck session.”

Although the proposal is moving forward and gaining support from several college towns, Cerra believes that the process is going to take a while.

“We are in the process now of getting sponsors to drop in the bill hopefully later this year,” Cerra said. “It’s certainly not going to be immediate, maybe this spring or fall.”

Cerra also hopes there will be a debate on it in the near future for all interested parties.

Once the proposal is drafted into a bill, it will then have to work its way through both houses of legislature, which can also be a consuming process, Cerra said.

“Only four percent of all bills proposed to legislature pass,” he said.

When the proposal went up four years ago the League of Municipalities was not behind it.

“Generally our focus is more macro than micro, and we always pushed for comprehensive tax reform,” Cerra said. “[The proposal from Hackett] obviously was a really small component to that at the time, and it really didn’t get on our radar screen.”

At the time, the bill didn’t pass, and it didn’t even get a hearing.

Display Cases

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of merchandise was stolen. “The glass was broken three times total, twice in the fall semester and once in the spring semester,” Pignataro said.

It has been decided that the cases needed to be removed from the Student Center Lobby, according to Pignataro and stowed in a secure location. The display cases remain in the lobby, empty and will soon be moved to the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

The purpose of the display cases was to inform the student body of new items at the University Bookstore and to help the lobby look its’ best, Pignataro said. It was also a way to boost school spirit in hopes of more people buying Montclair State gear to support our school.

“People actually broke glass for cheap merchandise. They weren’t expensive items. They were things like coffee mugs and lanyards. We’re just disappointed and sad we have to re-

move them,” Pignataro said. “This just showed such a lack of respect for property and the student body. How sad that we can’t even have peace in our own school and people resort to theft when others are just trying to do a good thing,” senior Kassandra Archer said.

Pignataro said the there is an award of \$250 Red Hawk Dollars if any individual has information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism.

The Red Hawk Dollars may be used to purchase any items in the Bookstore or at any dining venue on campus.

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A New Hope For Haiti

Amanda Balbi
Feature Editor

The Center for Student Involvement organized a candlelight vigil for Haitian victims on Jan. 27. The cold winter evening chilled our bones, but not our hearts. The solemn event captured the spirits of Montclair residents. Professors and students alike spoke at the vigil. Among the first to speak was Student Government President Jon Preciado. He voiced his concern and sorrow for the victims. The SGA also passed a bill that said the organization would send their condolences to Haiti on behalf of MSU. He also said the best way to express sorrow is by acting. The SGA will start fundraisers presumably next month to aid Haiti. The next speaker reached not just the MSU crowd, but also the passers-by. A touching poem, written and performed by student Dorothy Scott, was indeed



Haiti island outline at Haitian vigil.

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Dorothy Scott performing at Haitian vigil.

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warming and comforting. She described her reaction to the quake with words like, “seen a faith I can’t describe.” She said that we should unite and “selflessly serve Haiti.” Her inspiring words of hope pulled spirits up. She remembered the scene of one woman being pulled out from under the rubble. She had been crushed for six days, but her hope was intact. Scott remembered seeing the victim say “thank God!” which was her inspiration to write her poem. The quiet atmosphere of the MSU quad had an eerie feel. As the crowd lowered their heads in prayer, Father Jim delivered a sermon about the help sent to Haiti. His words flowed through us like a tidal wave. The inspiration-

al prayer united the MSU crowd. As the daylight faded, the candles were lit. The crowd of on-lookers gathered around the chalk outline of Haiti drawn on the ground. Candles in hand, the crowd sang the Haitian national anthem. Once the thick atmosphere was sliced, we placed our candles on the outline of the drawing. The end result shone like the hope in the air. We might have been cold, but our spirits were burning like passion for the Haitians. As we all dispursed, I looked around thinking, we are a diverse campus, but when it come down to it, we all can unite for an important cause. In the end, we are all citizens of the earth. It’s our duty to keep the unity.

He said

SHE said

Q: IS age JUST a number?

Sincerely, In Between



John Pope
Graphics Editor

Well, I could refer you to my uncle Carl. Interestingly enough, he bagged a girl, barely of age, and started to form her into his own ideal girl. He dressed up his fun little Barbie doll with fun new clothes, nice new hair and even a certain cosmetic augmentation. That being said, he spent a large amount of time with this girl, paying for her every step of the way and keeping her happy to her little heart's content. Truth be told, though, is this really a way to live? Do you want to be like my uncle Carl, paying to keep your little bendy Wendy in her cage with pretty trinkets and surgical enhancements just so you have something pretty to look at? Or, if you're at the other end, do you want to be seen as the money hungry Jezebel, bidding your time until your severely se-

nior mate hits his untimely demise. That being said, I'm sure you're not in either of these categories. Also, why bother asking this question? The only reason I can see anyone asking this question is if other people are harassing them or if their relationship violates local, state and/or national laws. If you're questionably following those, please for the love of all that is holy, cease and desist. I'm severely hoping the word statutory isn't involved here, but it's more the place of a lawyer to tell you that, not me. In the other case, in matters of love, there should only be two people's opinions that matter: yours and your love interest's. In the words of the almighty John Lennon, "Love is all you need." So, in a word, yes, age is but a number, and love is, in fact, timeless. If your family cries because you brought home someone from their generation, give it some time. People will get used to your lifestyle choice. Not to repeat the clichés, but love conquers all. If your feelings are true and your heart is just, things will play out exactly how they're supposed to. Actually, scratch that, things are going to play out however they're going to play out either way. If you focus on age too much, you're sending this relationship to the grave faster than your grotesquely older mate. Ignore anything society tells you is wrong and live your life how you want to because it's always your decision. That or you could always elope. It's faster, cheaper and it'll at least distract from the focus of your ages for a couple of weeks.



Jade Moskovitz
Staff Writer

Imagine a 16-year-old girl dating a 24-year-old man (sounds extreme, but it does happen). Now ask yourself, is age just a number? Let's break it down ... A 16-year-old girl is most likely a sophomore in high school, still considered to be a child by many and can't obtain a driver's license or legally consume alcohol in the state of New Jersey. A 24-year-old man is a potential college graduate, could have a child of his own, may have already obtained a marriage license in the past and has probably been to more bars than the amount of years his girlfriend has been in existence. If that's not enough to turn your stomach, think about it this way ... when the 24-year-old was graduating high school, his girlfriend was still anticipating her elementary school graduation. Sounds like her boyfriend could be more of a

pedophile than a lover, but, hey, it's all in the way we look at it, right? This is where the double standard comes into play. For both sexes, I would hope that the previously mentioned scenario would be frowned upon, however what if the tables were turned? What if a male was dating a significantly older female? To me, the scenario is just as wrong, however I'm sure most men would beg to differ. They may even feel as though a celebration is in order ... well, cheers to gray hair, wrinkles and sagging, boys, because dating a considerably older woman means it's coming a whole lot sooner. So hold onto those Kodak moments, because later you are going to realize that the large gap in between you and your older woman brought on more than a reputation. So how old is too old? There really is no right answer to this question, but in my opinion just as a person should "pick on someone their own size," they should also pick someone their own age. Granted, when you are in your thirties or forties, the age difference isn't as extreme and it's easier to get away with dating someone eight years older than yourself, but while you are young, stay young. If someone is looking through a photo album of you and your significant other, and questions if it is your mom or your dad, I would hope that it would be a red flag that something isn't right.

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iPad: Sink or Swim?

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The iPad has just been unveiled from the creators at Apple. This extreme leap into the future is compact enough to transport to and from campus. Smaller than a laptop but bigger than an iPod Touch, students are able to connect to the Internet anywhere on a data plan. Plans can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$30 for AT&T customers only. The 3-GB service is currently only available for AT&T, but hopefully Verizon will sign on soon. The price of the item ranges from \$499 for the 16GB version to \$699 for the largest version which is 64GB. Prices, of course, increase when you add the unlimited data plan. It may seem a little pricey for a college students' budget; however, if you're searching the market for something quality and compact, this device

could be right up your alley. This revolutionary piece of technology is a combination of a computer, iPod and notebook. All the necessities of a college student rolled into one eco-friendly, stylish, electronic companion. Some of the features include email and Internet access, photo sharing, video and TV downloads, YouTube and iTunes accounts, GPS navigation and iBook downloads. Plus, you'll still have access to all of the apps that we know and love. When viewing HD movies, the iPad doesn't play wide screen very well and

although the iPad can store photos, it doesn't contain a camera. Multitasking is a must for technology these days, but that's one thing the iPad isn't capable of doing. It doesn't run on the same system that a regular Mac computer does because it lacks OS. Instead of getting lost on your way to campus, you would be able to navigate by using the GPS system in the tablet. The drawback is that the application isn't free, but it is still available from the Apple iStore. The big screen will allow you to see the directions clearly while driving. This new technology doubles as a planner as well. You can now keep notes from class in the same place as your homework list. The notepad section of the iPad allows you to type on-screen using the large keyboard display.



You can also keep your textbooks on your iPad. The iBookstore is a free application that allows you to purchase books and keep them on your bookshelf ready to read at anytime. Keep school, work and your social life separate by keeping multiple

ple calendars simultaneously. Considering that this is the first of its kind, there are both positives and negatives, although both sides of the iPad story should be taken into consideration before making a commitment. With all these gadgets rolled into one, the iPad could be well worth the cost of the monthly plan, however some may argue that it is just another bill to pay every month. As far as sinking or swimming goes preference must be taken into consideration, but it still may be too early to tell.



Nelson DePasquale
Sports Editor

Hello everyone! Welcome to the very first edition of Cooking with Nelson for the spring semester. I hope you all took advantage of those "lazy days" over break, because now its back to reality and the daily grind. Hey, we'll all get through it, well ... most of us anyway. Ok, ok, enough beating around the bush. Let's get to the meat and potatoes. This week's "Cooking with Nelson," I've got a very special recipe to share with you. It is called: Grampa Guiseppe's Spicy-A-Pizza Pie. My grandpapa whipped this baby up at every family party and we all suffered the consequences! Haha, but really it's very tasty. Here's what you need:

- Ingredients:**
- Top quality dough
 - Ground red pepper
 - One red pepper
 - Homemade tomato sauce
 - Shredded mozzarella cheese
 - Shredded sharp provolone (and only the sharpest!)
 - Pepperoni

Instructions:
This recipe isn't very difficult at all. I'm sure you've all seen the cartoons with the short fat Italian guy making the pizza pie. Well yea, it's exactly like that. Have a ball, just don't hit the fan with the dough (trust me I know from experience). Of course, it wouldn't be in "Cooking with Nelson" if it didn't have a few family secret. During the kneading of the dough, sprinkle a good amount of the ground red pepper on it and continue kneading. This adds the extra kick needed for those spice lovers out there. To add even more of a zinger to your taste buds, chop up your red pepper and mix it around in the sauce before spreading it onto the dough. The last secret is to put mozzarella and half sharp provolone over the sauce and the dough. Pepperoni works as the best topping of choice. Succeed at this and my grandpapa will be quite proud. He just loved to see the look on everyone's face when they tasted it and found out it was way too spicy for them. Enjoy the recipe fans! Oh, by the way, don't forget to check out next week's special "SUPER BOWL PARTY" edition. You think my servings are big ... haha. You ain't seen nothing yet!

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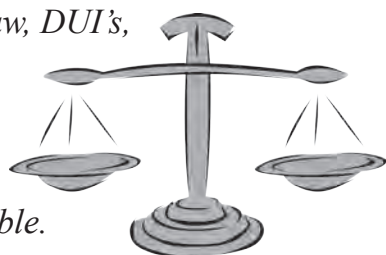
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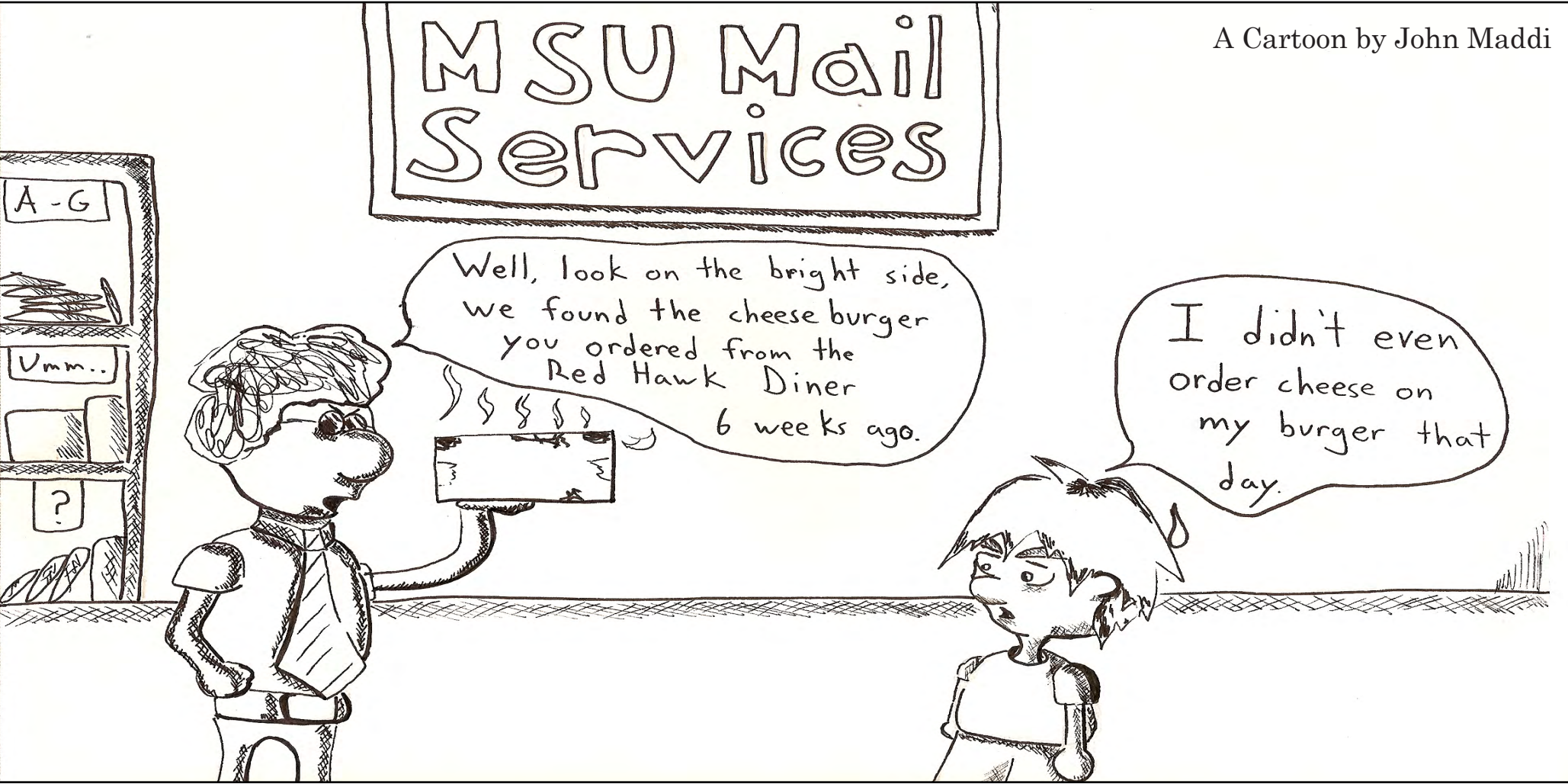
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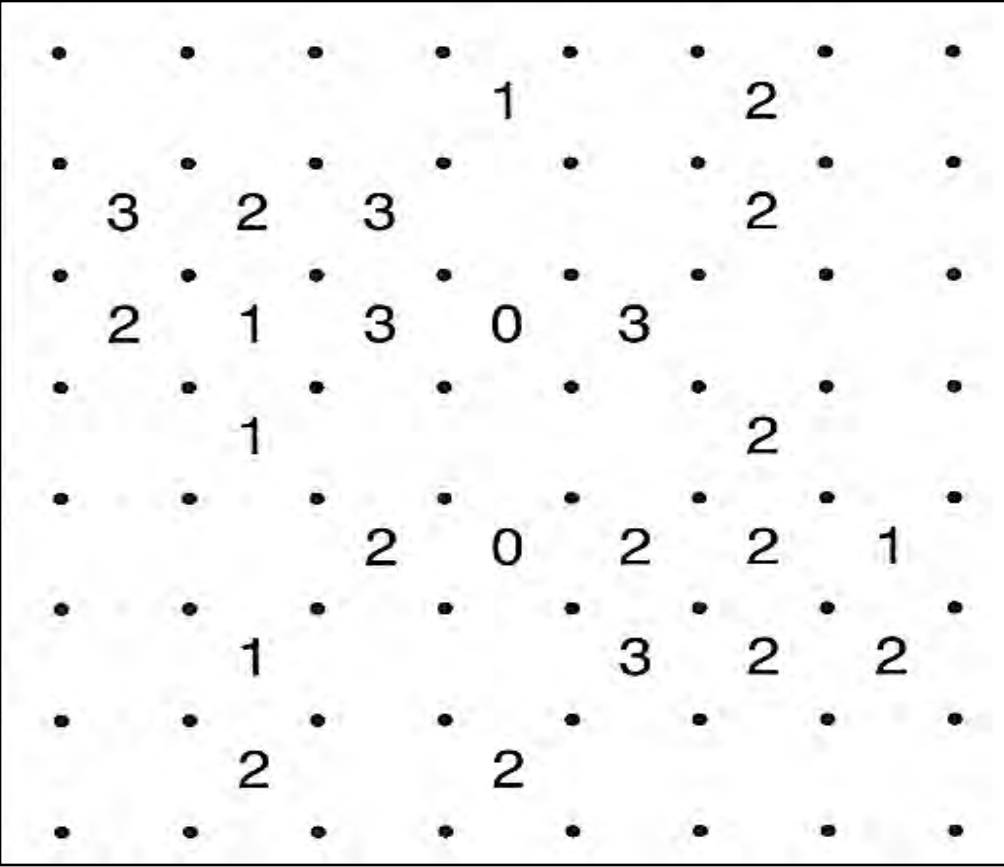
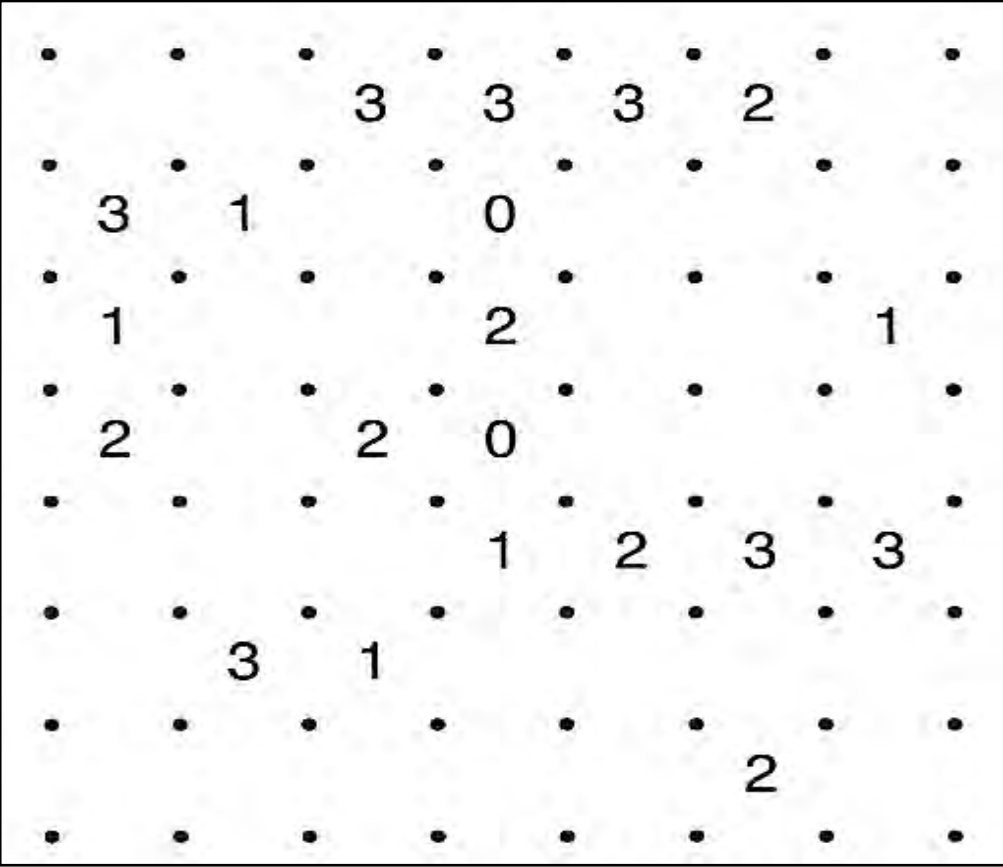
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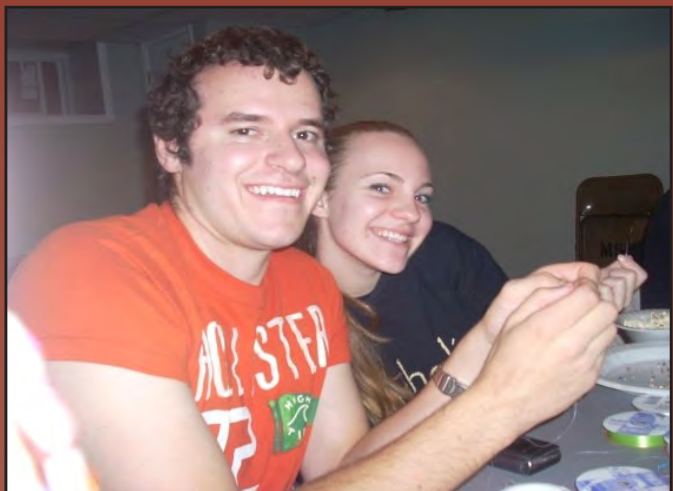
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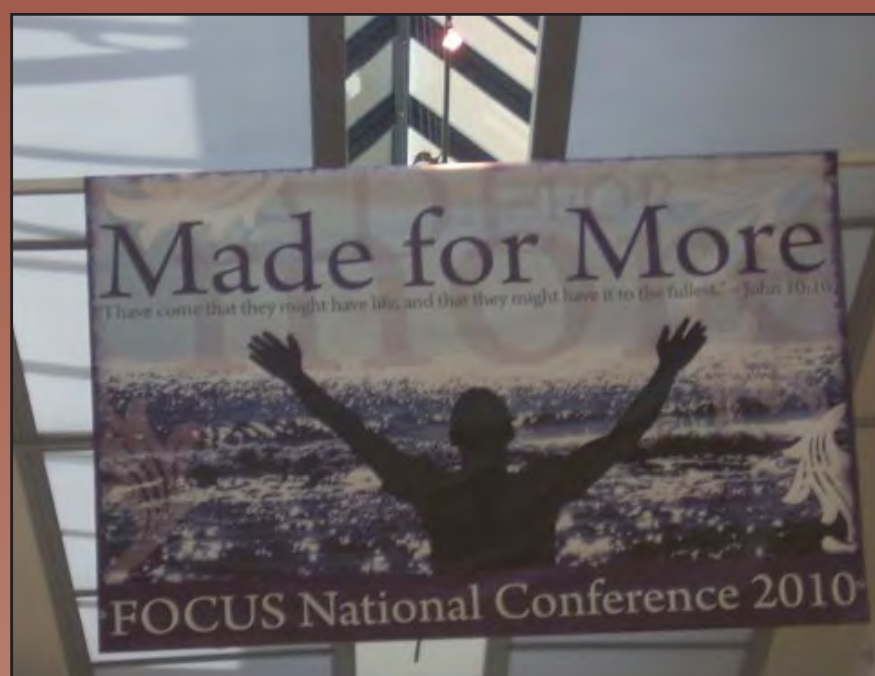


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Art Connections

New exhibit at the George Segal Gallery Provokes Inspiration

Nathaniel Sanchez
STAFF WRITER

If you are bored and have nothing to do in between your Macroeconomics class and Religion 101, paying a visit to the George Segal Gallery may be beneficial and entertaining. Perhaps you have writer's block and can't think of what to write for your next term paper, a perfect way to be inspired is to take a stroll through an art gallery that reflects an artist who had a major impact in 20th century art. The Gallery boasts works from the collections of the George and Helen Segal Foundation, Carroll Janis, Inc., the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art. As a first time staff writer for *The Montclarion*, visiting Montclair State University's George Segal Gallery was a perfect way to be inspired with creativity. Upon walking in and taking a brief but careful look at all the art pieces, drama, abstraction, realism and modernism are ubiquitous. Although every art piece and painting is different, they all seem to share a common thread of progressivism and modernity.

Lara Alcantra-Lansberg's *Kiss* is one of the first pieces that in-



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Gallery participating artist Pauline Chernichaw: *Softly Stirring*, photography, 2009

trigued me. A digital picture of a girl kissing a mirror which reflect another girl seems controversial and mysterious. Staring at the picture, you begin to ask yourself what the artist meant with this particular piece. Is there a message? Is the girl kissing another girl a subliminal message? Why is her reflection not of herself, but clearly that of another girl? The audience of the exhibit creates various answers for these questions, but the truth is that no one except the artist knows.

As you walk deeper into the gallery, the colors seem to increase in vibrancy. All the abstract colors and hues led me to a stunningly realistic close-up painting called *Spaghetti* by Laura Alexander. Immediately, I marked it down as one of my favorites. The painting consists of a close-up face of a young, beautiful girl with puckered lips attempting to eat spaghetti string. The painting is vivid and drew two major emotions from me; happiness and innocence.

Finally at the end of the gallery are mind-blowing works of epic proportions. The exhibit consists of massive drawings of faces with different and interesting facial expressions. Stare at the faces for a long time and you become lost and enamored with the

individuality in each drawing. Each drawing is black and white and offers a distinct characteristic and personality. The face of *Marisol II*, which according to Segal exudes "morbidity," seems sad, malignant and dangerous to me, while the face of *Helen IV* seems restrained and offers very little emotion.

Although at first one might rethink attending an art exhibition and stare at art all day, it is a short but worthwhile trip that anyone can make during a break between classes. The next time you're feeling writer's block or can't seem to find anything to do in between classes, take a walk over to the George Segal Gallery and immerse yourself in the art and history of our university.

Visit the George Segal Gallery for yourself. It is located on the fourth floor of the Red Hawk Deck.

Laughter in Montclair

Comedian Jim Gaffigan Performs at the Wellmont

Lori Wieczorek
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

It was Saturday night and the streets of Montclair were rife with bustling people, couples held hands and friends laughed with the ease of weekend worries. Driving down Bloomfield Ave, I could hardly contain my excitement; tonight was the night. Lights flashed ahead of me and I wondered why the local police had closed a road off from the rest of the town. The answer was simple; this particular road was the home of the Wellmont Theater and on this night the stand up comedian, Jim Gaffigan, was making an appearance.

Gaffigan is the type of comedian that doesn't need to yell, make crude sexual references or mock entire groups of people to inspire uncontrollable laughter. Instead he focuses on the trivial things that you always think about, but never say out loud.

Upon entering the Wellmont, my nose was assaulted by the smell of fresh popcorn, my ears picked up on the conversation that surrounded me and the name on everyone's lips was Gaffigan's.

Having seen his comedy specials prior to the evening, I immediately recognized well-known quotes from his



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performances. Everyone seemed to know his act inside and out which only heightened the universal anticipation.

Taking my seat, my gaze was immediately drawn to the grand architectural design surrounding the stage. The Wellmont Theater is massive, there were two levels and every seat was occupied. Some performances only draw in a certain crowd whether it is by age or by general interest.

Gaffigan seemed to attract every age group. The audience was a mix of adults, adolescents and everything in between. It was hard not to notice that almost every adult had a beer in his or her hand, this subtle intoxication only added to the casual atmosphere.

The lights dimmed and the opening act began his routine. It was hard to concentrate on his words as people continued to try to find their seats in the dark theater. He failed to inspire gut wrenching laughter but he did cause people to chuckle.

Ten minutes quickly passed and a voice spread across the audience, "Now presenting, Jim Gaffigan!" The response was so sudden and enthusiastic, I couldn't help but smile. From the first sentence the au-

dience could not control themselves. He began with a particular voice that is common in his routines, the voice that represents what someone with a distaste for his humor might be thinking. He would say something similar to "Bacon jokes, really, is that what he's doing?" or "He made the hammock a dirty place for me."

There was no discerning one person from the next; the continuous laughter became a loud rumble. His routine was not intended to have punch lines, instead, he had you laughing from start to finish. His absurd material often shocked the audience into laughter.

No food, practice or item was safe from his relentless comedy. Gaffigan would move from "Some people say that snails are a delicacy. But I wonder compared to what, barnacles?" to "Why are people so excited to open fortunes?"

They always seem so enlightened when they read them. The road to happiness is a long one. You know, it's not like Confucius wrote those fortunes."

The hour passed with unreal quickness and before I knew it, my stomach ached from laughter as he walked off the stage. The crowd was in an uproar. The applause was deafening and before I knew it Gaffigan was back on stage for an encore.

Just when I thought I couldn't laugh any harder, he begins his 'Hot Pocket' routine. The audience responded as if a popular band was performing their hit song, this was the routine he is best known for.

Just as the audience was relishing in the wonderfully familiar routine, Gaffigan ended his comedy show. From originality to cramp inducing laughter, Gaffigan never disappoints and I would easily call him the greatest comedian of our time.

Enthusiasm Slim for Current Award Season

Jon Reino
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Blaine Bridges
ASSISTANT ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The glamour of the award season is upon us, and no one really cares. Hollywood is anxiously biting its collective lower lip, hoping to save its biggest self congratulatory pats on the back. The once glimmering veneer of those pretty statues has lost its luster in the public eye, and the ceremonies have made major changes to their programming to maintain an audience.

As if a prelude to the new and improved Oscars, award shows have been honoring increasingly mainstream films. The Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild Awards and the always popular People's Choice Awards have finally recognized those particular films and shows that struck a chord, not with critics but with audiences.

Both the Screen Actors Guild and the Golden Globes recognized some of the most unsung and prolific performers of this generation. Jeff Bridges won best actor for what might be his most personal performance, in the understated and melancholy *Crazy Heart*. Sandra Bullock took home a statue for her turn as an outspoken but tender homemaker in *The Blind Side*, a major comeback for an old favorite.

These wins seem to showcase a revitalized interest in humble characters whose personal struggles give meaning both to their own lives and the lives of others. The recent downturn in the economy has renewed our hope for regular people and their simple lives.

As if anyone doubted, Christoph Waltz has dominated in the Best Supporting Actor category for his show stopping turn as

the Jew Hunter in *Inglourious Basterds*. This continues a surprising trend of villains and psychopaths winning in this category.

The People's Choice Awards, however, once again demonstrated just how out of touch Hollywood is with its audiences. Considered the hind end of the award shows, it revels in the irony that it is, in fact, the viewers who determine a film's or show's success. The people awarded long time favorite Johnny Depp with best actor (continually snubbed at the Oscars) and the overwhelmingly popular *Twilight*.

Avatar, which recently surpassed *Titanic* as the highest grossing film of all time, has been destroying its meager competition, winning the highest accolade of best picture wherever it goes.

The ultimate in high concept entertainment, *Avatar* is one of the very few science fiction films to ever be considered among the very best in a year. Following in a long-standing tradition of popcorn escapism, the film seems poised to be the be-all, end-all of award show extravaganzas.

The Oscars new ten film best picture format includes *Avatar*, *Up!*, *Inglourious Basterds* and *The Lovely Bones*. This list represents the most balanced and mainstream nominees in decades. It harkens back to older days when completely unpretentious films like *Raiders of the Lost Arc* could be nominated.

The real question, however, is whether these superficial changes can salvage a dying tradition. If *Avatar* wins best picture, it could very well make a once impenetrable spectacle fun and entertaining again.

After all that's the problem, the masters of entertainment have forgotten what it feels like to sit in a theater and be wowed.



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President Cole leads the opening reception for the new John J. Cali School of Music on Jan. 20



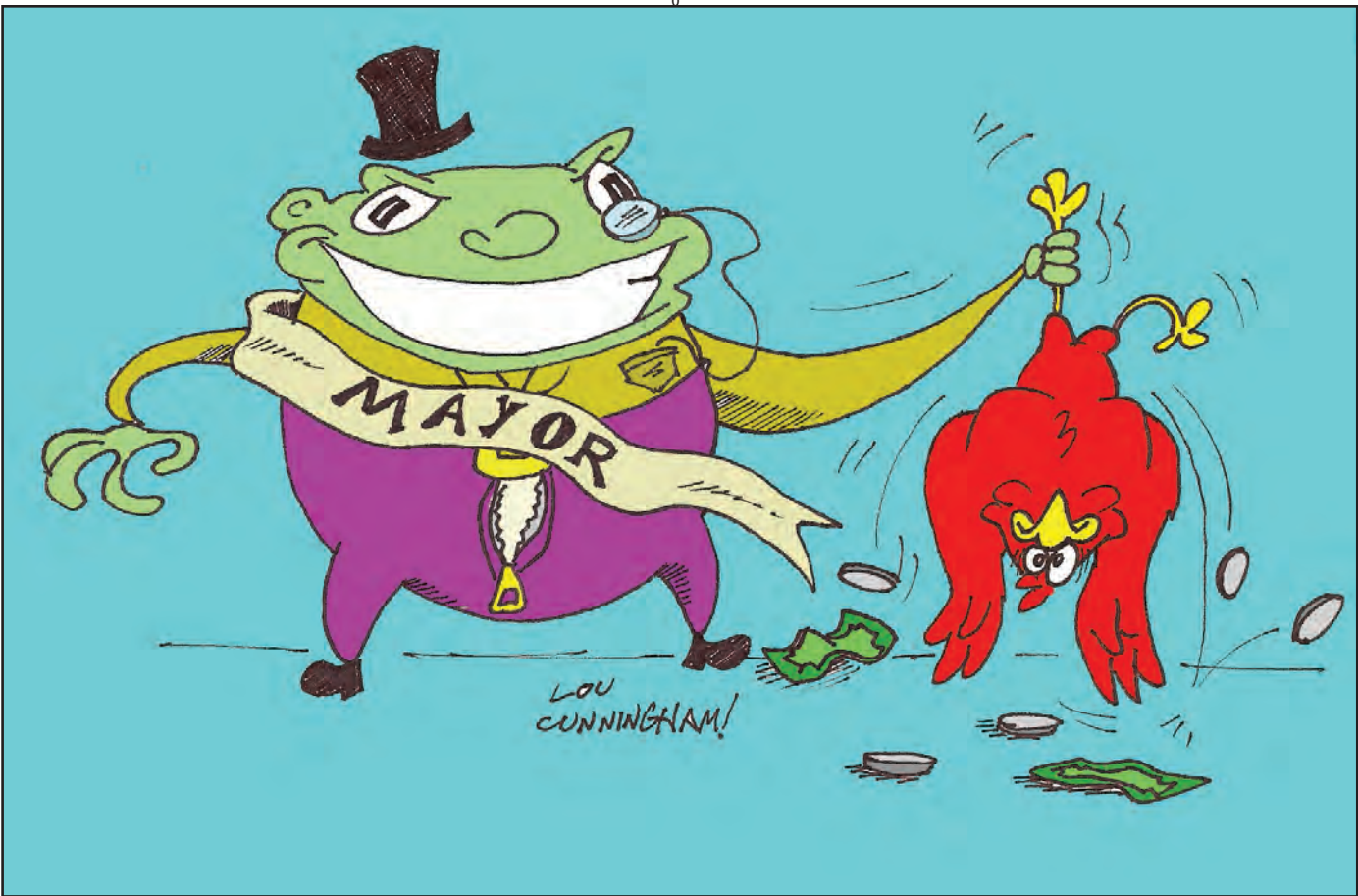
Classes are underway in the new music building.

The John J. Cali School of music officially opened Jan. 20. Music students are excited about the new facility. When asked how the new building has helped his music studies here at MSU, James Owen, junior euphonium player responded with, "There are a lot more practice rooms, and it's nice to have all my music classes in one building."



A new stage is the heart of the new building.

Thank You, Mr. Mayor!



Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

So what do you do when you're mayor of a college town and you're hard up for cash? Would you charge the students for using your town and its public services? Hah! That'd be pretty sneaky. And it'll teach those meddling college kids to come into your town and spend money at your theaters, shops and restaurants. They think they can just call the fire or police department whenever there's an emergency? Well, they can ... but at least you can add \$100 onto their already ridiculous tuition fees. Brilliant!

This is essentially what Montclair mayor Jerry Fried proposed at a conference of New Jersey mayors this past November. Initially dismissed by council peo-

ple and legislators, his plan argued that since students at Montclair State University use the town of Montclair's public services (i.e. the fire and police departments) and facilities, this alone is justification for an additional fee. According to Fried's proposal, all students at the University would have to pay — full- and part-time, residents and commuters.

It occurred to *Montclarion* staff members that Montclair State University spills over into Clifton and Little Falls. Clove Road, the Village Apartments and the Transit Deck are in Little Falls. More often than not, the Little Falls police and fire departments respond to calls on campus. What right does the town of Montclair have to demand special

fees from college students for basic public services?

The whole attempt seems like another sleazy, half-baked idea brought to us by our local public servants. It's as if they're saying, "Hey, they're college kids! They don't know the difference! What's another \$100?"

When Mayor Fried suggested the proposal, it did not receive strong immediate support. It's based on a bill that was in legislature several years ago. University officials have neither mentioned nor commented on it. According to the administration and public relations, they will not comment on the issue until a bill is created. We can assume, then, that the university is taking the "We'll cross that bridge when we

come to it," approach. Unfortunately, several local mayors and the league of municipalities have expressed their support for the fee already. The proposal may become a reality sooner than expected. It passed in a resolution at a council meeting last Monday in Little Falls.

Montclair isn't the first college town to propose an extra fee for students. However, MSU could seek solidarity with the eight other state schools that joined together in the "Nine Strong" coalition. This may be one of those times when banding together and making some noise would be appropriate.

Members of the league of municipalities say that, although no immediate action will be taken, they hope to see the bill brought to legislation

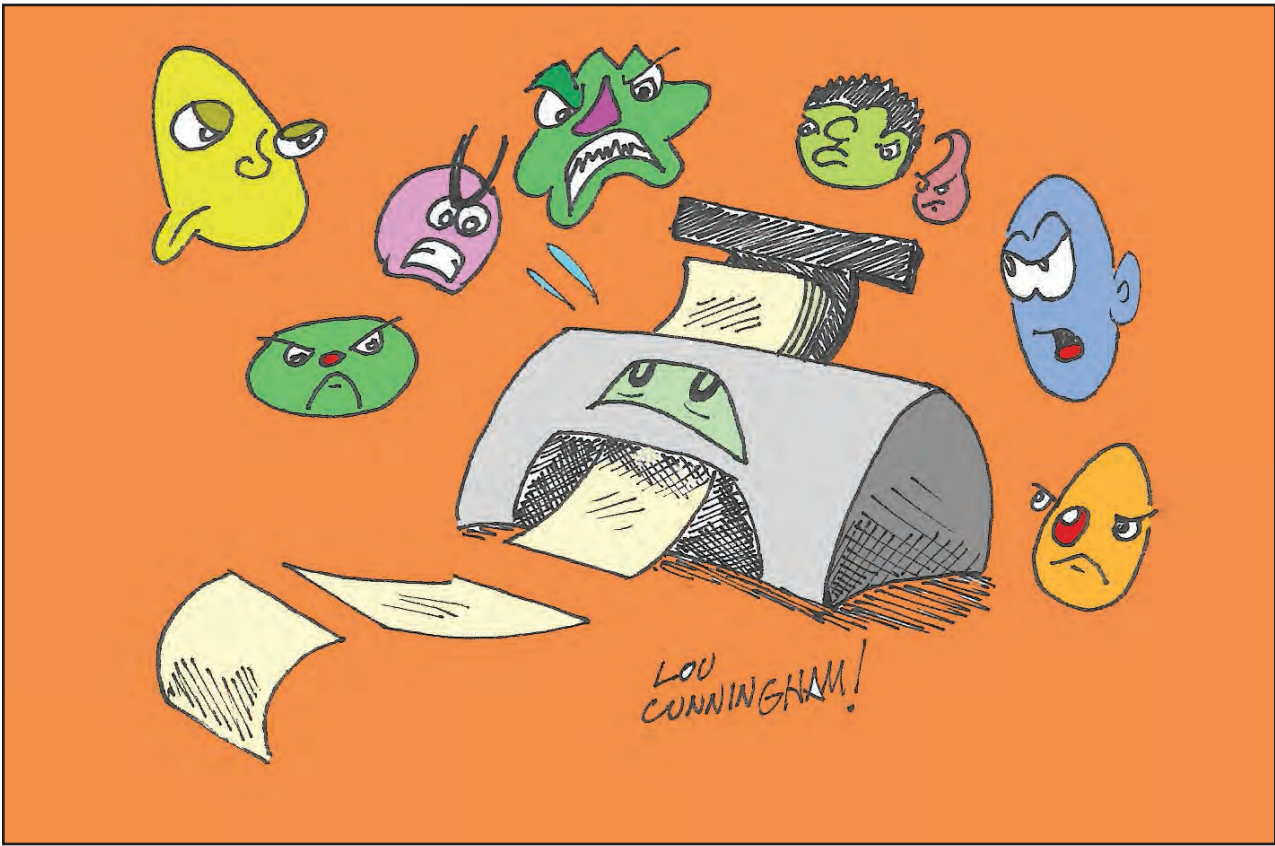
by next fall. As of now, they're still seeking additional support for the proposal. Obviously, the proposal is still alive and full of potential, or else it wouldn't even be on our radar screen.

The expansion of our university undoubtedly affects residents in the local communities. Honestly, no one at the *Montclarion* can say that we'd want to live in the shadow of the Red Hawk Parking Deck. However, it is not the students' decisions to expand further into residential areas. Nor was it our decision to build multi-story dormitories that require more advanced fire and rescue equipment. Why should we be punished with additional tuition fees?

Residents of Montclair, your beef is not with us.

- KM

Find Printer: Unavailable at MSU



Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

It is not so much the quantity, but more so the quality. Unfortunately, in regards to printers at Montclair State University, both seem to be missing.

There are five computer labs and ten printers accessible to all Montclair State students. That is only two more printers than nearby William Paterson, which has more than 7,500 fewer students than Montclair State. In fact, Montclair State has the worst student-to-printer ratio, 1,817 to 1, of any college within this area. While the number of

printers is not much of a problem in most other state colleges, the high enrollment and low frequency of printers and printing labs poses an obstacle to the average MSU student.

When that fact is coupled with the high usage of the low amount of printers, upkeep becomes a problem in this aspect of campus life. Many students have seen attendance and grades suffer from not being able to fully utilize a service that, in turn, they provide to themselves via tuition.

Having time to print in the lab is not just the problem; there are

not enough computers for students to print on during peak hours. It is estimated that there are thirty students to every one computer on campus.

Other local schools have public printing labs in dormitories and classrooms. While there are printers within classrooms on the Montclair State campus, many of them are restricted to certain majors or are closed to the public completely.

A solution to this printing predicament is seen partially in Sprague Library's laptop loan program. With the program, a student

can take out a laptop for up to three hours and is able to print on any floor within the library, including Café Diem. However, only the laptops supplied to students by the program are capable of doing this. A student cannot take their own personal computers and print due to network connections.

While it is understandable for now, this should not last long as wireless networks are being installed throughout the campus.

If a student can access a wireless connection with ease, printing to a nearby printer should not be difficult either.

There may be a computer for every thirty students on this campus, but are the lack of computers the problem? No, especially when the average MSU student will carry their own laptop with them around campus. It is this sign of the times and evolution of technology that shows the solution for this circumstance.

Every Montclair State student should be given the ability to print a document from their own laptop to a printer. This is in the same spirit of some high schools and universities supplying laptops to all students.

There is certainly enough money to at least purchase more printers for the campus. Each student pays \$292.50 per academic year in a computer fee included in their tuition.

With nearly \$300 per student per year, it is hard to believe that more printers are not within the school's budget, regardless of their lack of funding from the state.

One employee from Ramapo College, when approached about the Montclair State problem, suggested that the school should either lower enrollment or buy more printers.

Since it is clear that one of those options will never take form, more printers need to be bought for this campus.

-RA

More Housing Downtown Not an Option

Students Will Continue to Leave Campus in Drove



KATIE WINTERS
ASSISTANT COPY
EDITOR

Ask any resident what the weekends are like at MSU and the answer will be boring, or more often than they don't really know because they head home for the weekends. One of the downfalls of a commuter school is that the residents also go home often, leaving the campus desolate come weekends. At Montclair the problem becomes exacerbated because there is so little housing and the surrounding community is not the best for student rentals.

There is little the university can do about lowering the price of nearby properties but they did come up with an interesting compromise, housing on Bloomfield Avenue.

This housing would be much farther away from the campus than normal and perhaps even a bit inconvenient but this housing would be the off-campus, affordable alternative for MSU or it would have been.

It's great that the university can now partner with private contractors to build on campus; in fact, its benefits greatly outweigh the negatives.

However, it does not seem to be a good reason to abandon all of the work put into the housing in downtown Montclair.

One of the great things about "college towns" is the ability to move off campus if a student has the money and the desire. At MSU, we really can't. Montclair is a very expensive town to own property in, therefore, it's not exactly feasible for many students to live nearby. There is some housing nearby and some in Newark, but not nearly as much as near another NJ state university, Rutgers.

Rutgers has commuters (though not as many percentage-wise as Montclair), but it doesn't suffer from the suitcase syndrome that MSU seems to. A lot of that is due to a plethora of off-campus housing. There are

whole neighborhoods of students right near the main New Brunswick campus. These apartments and houses are the student's own domain, offering benefits dorms cannot and reduces a student's desire to return home on the weekend.

Again, MSU can't make that happen for the students but this downtown housing did offer a lot of interesting benefits. The administration liked to point out the proximity to fine dining, cultural events and nightlife. While these may be draws to some students, for other students it would be the more independent feel of the housing. As an added benefit, these students interested in independence and the offerings of Montclair would be less likely to head home.

Once MSU gets a solid group of students who are interested in staying in Montclair, stuff may actually start happening in and around campus to draw students. It seems like a wild idea now but it could happen and of course, once things start happening in and around campus, more people want to stay over the weekends.

The university has proposed a new dorm to replace the plans of this Bloomfield Ave. housing. This new on-campus dorm would be behind the Village apartments, where the residents of the Village currently park. Ignoring the fact that this would again get rid of parking, a sore topic for all at MSU, this dorm will become the farthest from the main campus, without the added benefits of being in downtown Montclair. This certainly fulfills a need, but not the need that the Bloomfield Ave. housing would have.

The demand for on campus housing is high, as evidenced by the overflow MSU places in the hotel every year. However, the administration should not ignore the need for off-campus housing as well.

While we will be able to place more people in a convenient spot for classes by building a dorm behind the Village, students will not have the opportunity at the varied college experience other universities offer.

Katie Winters, an English major, is in her first year as an assistant copy editor for The Montclarion.



CPC Controversy Goes On

The following was submitted to The Montclarion on Jan. 22. in response to "CPCs Are Not the Source of Misinformation."

To the Editor:

Kelly Karcher's column is deliberately misleading. Ms. Karcher failed to inform readers of the following facts:

- Ms. Karcher herself is chair of the Students for Life Committee of the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at MSU.
- Bcpinstitute.org, which she recommends, is a pseudo-scientific front for anti-abortion activist Joel Brind.
- Lifenews.com, which she recommends, is a right-wing Roman Catholic site devoted to opposing women's right to abortion.

Ms. Karcher chose not to reveal these facts about her own bias and the biases of the sources she recommends. Why? I suspect it is because, if they knew these things, her readers would become suspicious of the connection she draws between breast cancer and abortion.

There are words — like "deception" and "propaganda" — for withholding this kind of information from one's readers.

I recommend the Wikipedia article entitled "Abortion-Breast Cancer Hypothesis."

It is a good presentation of all sides of the dispute. It makes it clear that most scientists do not agree that abortion is a factor in causing breast cancer.

Ms. Karcher also says that abortion "admittedly involves the taking of an innocent life." This is false.

In common language, "the taking of an innocent life" is a term for murder. Since only human beings can be murdered, Ms. Karcher is claiming that abortion is murder.

Further, she is claiming that a one-celled creature such as a fertilized ovum or zygote, is a human being. This is absurd. A one-

celled, fertilized ovum does not resemble a human being in any way.

There is no evidence that a zygote is a human being. This statement must be accepted "on faith."

Anti-abortion fanatics "believe" a single-celled creature is a human being. Of course, they have the right to believe any nonsense they choose — more accurately, that their religious misleaders choose for them.

But they, then, want to force the rest of us to share this absurd belief!

Most churches do not openly advocate the murder of abortion providers, but that is the logic of their position.

Every society recognizes that violent force may be used to stop a murder in progress. When religious groups, like the Catholic Church, define abortion as "the taking of an innocent life" they will be understood as calling abortion "murder." This is the position of anti-abortion fascists who, themselves, murder doctors, nurses and abortion clinic workers in the name of "stopping murder."

Ms. Karcher's letter is not science. Instead, it is propaganda for anti-abortion extremists who, because of their own superstitions, wish to deprive women of access to healthcare.

No doubt Ms. Karcher does not consider her views extremist and does not wish to encourage violence against abortion providers. But her article does encourage them, regardless of her own preferences.

An authoritarian and irrational opinion does not become legitimate just because it is held for religious reasons. Female genital mutilation, wife-beating and the burning of supposed "witches" are repulsive even when they are required by some religion or other.

The same is true of the absurd belief that a single-celled creature is a "human being" and that abortion is "murder".

Grover Furr
English Department

Peer Leaders Wanted

For the past two years it has been my great privilege to work as a Peer Leader for the office of New Student Experience. I am writing this to encourage more guys to get out and apply to become a Peer Leader because it is an extremely rewarding experience. Just ask anyone. Ask any of the Peer Leaders these past two years. Ask me. Peer Leaders in the past have gone on to become community assistants, academic assistants and many more great positions. So, becoming a Peer Leader is a great starting point for all students.

I would also like to stress and squash any pre-emptive rumors that being a PL is emasculating. This is an erroneous and inaccurate label. A major part of being a Peer Leader is personalizing a great deal of what you learn during the training process.

The training process includes an exciting retreat to a challenge course where you participate in several different team-building exercises, including a ropes course high above the ground. Not even the best NFL teams go through that kind of fun and challenging training. With all of the training, you are given the unique opportunity to put your own spin on how you deal with the students in your group — each Peer Leader

leads a small group of incoming freshmen throughout the course of each orientation program. Of course, there are certain rules and regulations that must be followed but you get a good deal of leeway as to how to go about leading a group of students through each orientation session.

The reason that becoming a Peer Leader is a great experience for male students is simply because it is a rare opportunity that allows one to turn any of their weaknesses into strengths.

When I first started out as a Peer Leader, I was terrible at public speaking, I was not much of a leader, did not have any idea of what good preparation meant and had sub-par people skills.

Just getting the experience that being a Peer Leader offered me allowed me to correct those areas and I have made significant strides as far as public speaking, leadership and preparation are concerned. If I could have this kind of turnaround, so can anyone else.

How does one go about signing up to becoming a Peer Leader? Applications are available online right now at the New Student Experience homepage (www.montclair.edu/nse).

Two letters of recommendation are



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required with the application process and the completed application is due by Jan. 29.

Subsequently, there are two rounds of interviews; individual interviews, which begin the week of Feb. 3, followed by a group interview on Feb. 17.

Once again, I would strongly recommend more male students to take a chance and join

on the Peer Leadership bandwagon because you will not regret it; it will help you become a better leader and most importantly, a better person in the long run!

Steve Sarsano, a history education major, is a guest columnist for The Montclarion.

Campus Vandalism is Childish Destruction



LORI WIECZOREK
ASSISTANT OPINION
EDITOR

When I began my first year at college I was thrilled at the prospect of new opportunities, diverse experiences and mature students.

Yet, as time passed, I realized that college was not quite what I expected.

Shortly after the excitement of being in a new place receded I began to realize that I might as well be stuck in high school all over again.

Most of the students still had the maturity level of a ninth grader, but now it was worse, there was no one to control their behavior. It

quickly became evident that common sense and self-decency fly out the window as soon as students have their first taste of freedom.

Although this remained obvious to me throughout my first months, I have never encountered a solid piece of evidence supporting my theory, until today.

During the course of the fall term, the display cases located in the Student Center Lobby were vandalized nine times. The doors were even smashed in during two of these occurrences.

The most recent incident was right before the spring term began. Montclair displayed various merchandise and installed new locks in preparation for the semester but unfortunately, someone decided to take it upon themselves to destroy the doors and steal the merchandise inside.

I can't help but wonder why someone would commit such a pointless act of vandalism? Was it for the money? This seems high-

ly improbable considering the fact that there was only \$22 dollars worth of merchandise in the case.

The only conclusion that I can rightfully draw is that whoever vandalized the display case has the capacity for extreme immaturity.

Half of me doesn't want to believe that I attend classes with the intellectual equivalent of a five year old but the more logical side of my brain knows it to be true.

Why can't people just grow up? I think it's about time. Students are old enough to go to war, vote and are legally considered adults.

There comes a point in your life when you realize it's time to stop smashing the shiny glass cases and pick up a more productive hobby.

For most people, this realization arrives relatively early in life but as the evidence shows, other people will remain suspended in adolescence.

As a result of this vandalism spree, the

university has decided that they will no longer display new merchandise. The cases will now be removed and relocated to a secure location. This enforces the theory that one could easily ruin things for the rest of us. The cases were intended to promote school spirit and let students know what new product Montclair has to offer.

The actual act of vandalism is so nonsensical and simplistic that I can hardly fathom the person who would actually smash a glass case to steal Montclair merchandise.

Bravo mystery vandal, I hope you are satisfied with your plunder. I know I'm satisfied with the fact that a reward is being offered for any information leading to the arrest or conviction of the vandal.

Hopefully, a day will come when students stop lashing out and immaturity stays in elementary school.

Lori Wieczorek is an English major in her first year as assistant opinion editor for The Montclarion.

Women’s Basketball Falls to TCNJ, Cabrini

Injuries, Poor Shooting Set MSU on Longest Losing Streak of Season

Mike Monostra
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Montclair State’s women’s basketball could not follow up a tough loss to William Paterson last week in a positive way. Two road losses to The College of New Jersey on Saturday and Cabrini College on Tuesday have the team spiraling down on a three-game losing streak, tied for the longest all season.

The Red Hawks’ losing streak can be linked to a sudden absence of solid field goal shooting, an aspect that has carried the team through the season so far. Montclair shot just 31.3 percent against TCNJ and only 37 percent against Cabrini.

Another issue that hurt the Red Hawks was the loss of Jamilee Pflug on Saturday. Pflug left the game against TCNJ with a wrist injury and did not play on Tuesday at Cabrini. The junior guard is the third leading scorer for the Red Hawks, averaging 9.7 points per game. Tuesday night’s contest was the first time Pflug was missing from the Red Hawk lineup the last two seasons.

The prognosis for Pflug is better than expected. According to Red Hawk coach Karin Harvey, there were originally fears that Pflug fractured her wrist, but it turned out to be just a sprain. The team hopes to have Pflug back this weekend.

Pflug’s injury on Saturday put pressure on the Red Hawk bench, which failed to provide enough points to help out the starting core. The bench scored just 17 of the team’s 61 points, nine of those bench points coming from freshman Rhonda Sharif, who would fill in for Pflug.

TCNJ jumped out early on the Red Hawks, with a 12-0 run starting in the first couple minutes of the game and giving the Lions a quick eight point lead. After that, the first half was plagued with miscues and poor shooting, as neither side was able to make many shots. Both Montclair State and TCNJ shot just 28 percent in the first half and the halftime score showed it, the Lions led 22-16.

“The first half of the game, we struggled on the offensive end,” said Red

Hawk forward Catherine Cristino, who tied for the team lead with 14 points in the game.

The second half saw better shooting from both teams, as well as a comeback attempt from the Red Hawks. A quick 7-0 run at the beginning of the half capped by a three pointer from Cristino cut the Lions lead to 29-27. However, that was as close as Montclair would get, as the Lions slowly pulled away. TCNJ’s shot 38.5 percent from three point range, compared to MSU’s 22.2 percent. TCNJ also shot a respectable 43.5 percent in the second half from the field. This was the difference, as the Lions closed out a 65-61 win.

Without Pflug, the Red Hawks traveled to Cabrini College in need of a lift, going into a key stretch of conference battles. Unfortunately, all they got was more frustration, in a 65-54 loss to the Cavaliers.

The shooting percentage was up for the Red Hawks on Tuesday, however, so was the opposition’s as Montclair met a red-hot Cabrini team that had won three of its last four games and was shooting well. The Cavaliers led by senior guard Alyssa Brady with 15 points; shot 47.9 percent from the field, much better than the 37 percent shooting from the Red Hawks. The Cavaliers would open a 12 point first half lead before the Red Hawks stormed out on an 8-0 run before the half to cut the Cabrini lead to four.

In the second half, the Cavaliers opened up a nine point lead before the Red Hawks went on yet another long run, this one 7-0 about halfway through the second half to cut the Cavalier lead to two again. With Pflug out, extra weight was put on leading scorers Kisandra Ayanbeku and Cristino and they responded. Ayanbeku put up a team high 16 points and Crisitino knocked down 14 to account for more than half of the team’s scoring. However, outside of the two top scorers and 12 points from sophomore Jaime Ericson, the Red Hawks got just 12 points from the remainder of the team.

The 49-47 deficit would be as close as the Red Hawks would come to tying the game as they would fail to score in the final 4:21 of the game. Cabrini closed out on a 7-0 run to wrap up the victory and extend the Red Hawks losing streak to three.

Montclair State is currently sitting at 5-3 in the NJAC North, good enough for second place behind William Paterson. However,

the team wants to get back to their winning ways, as the postseason looms closer.

“We still have another game against Rutgers-Camden this week to get back on track,” said Cristino. “I feel confident that we will work together as a team and get out of this little rut.”

The Red Hawks conference schedule will

continue on Saturday when they pay a visit to NJAC South opponent Rutgers-Camden, who is currently sitting in last place with no wins in the NJAC this year. It may be the opponent the Red Hawks need to turn things around. They will return home on Wednesday, to play division rival Rutgers-Newark.



Jillian Keats | The Montclarion

Senior Kara Burham goes up for a rebound in an early season loss to Scranton. The Red Hawks are currently riding a three-game losing streak.

Jackie Berry Leads Women’s Basketball Towards Postseason

Jake Del Mauro
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

During her four seasons here at MSU, Jackie Berry has worked her way into the starting point guard role and to the top of the NJAC in some key statistics. More importantly, she has helped maintain the Red Hawks winning ways. Currently sitting near the top of the North Division of the NJAC, the Red Hawks owe a big thanks to Berry.

Since she started playing basketball, Berry has always been near the top of everything. She started playing recreation league hoops when she was seven, in a mixed boys and girls league. As she got older, however, Berry started to really stand out.

“In fourth grade, I was picked to play on the all-star team and played against other all-star teams,” said Berry. “I was the only girl on the team. After that, I played on the boy’s team with another one of my friends. Boys, at that age especially, play a little tougher than the girls, and I think that helped me to become a better player.”

Berry also excelled in field hockey

and softball from grade seven through high school, where, at Pinelands Regional, she was awarded 12 varsity letters. Now a senior here at Montclair and as the point guard, the leader on the court, Berry has taken that role in stride. She is the only senior captain and along with junior captains Jamilee Pflug and Kisandra Ayanbeku, she helps lead a young team to great heights.

“I try my best to be a good leader for our team ... Any point guard will tell you they have to be a leader. You can’t be a point guard if you aren’t a leader. Everyone on the team listens to the plays you call. They wait for you to make a decision on which is the best play to run.”

But being a point guard takes quick decision-making, and that is not something just picked up right away. Berry remembers the day when she knew she wanted to be a point guard.

“When I was younger, my dad was my coach, and I remember the day he asked me what position I wanted to play. I asked him what each position did and after he told me, I decided I wanted to be a point guard.”

Berry is also more than just a point guard. Like any college student, she likes making money waitressing on the weekends back home, and of course, she has to deal with school work. She and her teammates are just

as close off the court and with no classes during the end of the week, she wants to start substitute teaching. Still, she needs to finish up on a great season here at Montclair.

“I do believe things are starting to fall together, we did lose the last two conference games we had [William Paterson and TCNJ], but I believe it is just going to make us a stronger team when the tournament starts.”

The NJAC Tournament starts in approximately three weeks and even though MSU has lost their last three, they still have good rebounding by players like Ayanbeku and Cristino, and the sharp decision making of Berry.

But when the season ends and her career is over, Berry has a few things she would like to accomplish, like finding a job as a physical education teacher and coaching all the sports she excelled in back in high school. And, just like any other MSU student, she has her likes and dislikes about the campus life, both now and when she leaves.

“I have enjoyed my time at MSU so far. It’s a great school. I love being on the court and I know I’m really going to miss playing and especially miss my teammates — past and present. There are a lot of great people here. One thing I will not miss is the parking! I’m excited to be graduating soon and getting on with my life.”



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Jackie Berry has been a leader for the Red Hawks Women’s Basketball team on and off the court the last four seasons.

Jackie Berry Career Stats For MSU

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Points Per Game:	5.4	7.5	7.5	6.0
Rebounds Per Game:	3.0	4.0	6.4	5.1
Minutes Per Game:	23.1	24.9	33.7	31.5
Assists Per Game:	2.6	3.6	5.7	5.3
Steals Per Game:	1.1	2.0	1.9	1.5

Fred Hill’s 24 is Honored by University

Former Montclair State Baseball and Football Coach gets Number Retired

Robert Aitken
PRODUCTION EDITOR

A rare and prestigious honor will be bestowed upon former Montclair State baseball and football coach Fred Hill. On Feb. 13, Hill will become just the third person in the school’s history to have their number retired by the university. Hill’s number, 24, will accompany the late former football linebacker Sam Mills (62) and former women’s basketball forward Carol Blazejowski (12).

Hill coached the Red Hawks, then known as the Indians, from 1977-1983. In his seven seasons in charge, Hill won three New Jersey Athletic Conference championships and brought the program to the NCAA Division III World Series in his final season of 1983.

This began a streak of five consecutive appearances in the World Series, culminating with the school’s first National Championship in 1987. His overall baseball record was 148-92-1, a winning percentage of .619.

Hill also coached the football team from 1976-1982, with a 52-16-4 record. Hill’s .722 winning percentage remains the highest of any Montclair State coach (min. 50 games).

The 1981 season was his best season as a football coach. A 10-2 record, including a perfect 6-0 in the NJAC, culminated with the team’s first ever and, thus far, best showing in the NCAA Division III tournament, making the semifinals.

Presently, Hill coaches Rutgers, where he has been for the past 27 years. At Rutgers, Hill has continued his coaching excellence with ten appearances in the NCAA Division I tournament.

Hill has been a coaching legend in New Jersey collegiate sports, with only five combined losing seasons in football and baseball. Only one of those came with Montclair State: a record of 4-5-1 in his first year as a football coach in 1976.

Stay tuned to *The Montclarion* and themontclarion.org for the latest on the retiring of Fred Hill’s number 24.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Fred Hill and MSU

BASEBALL

- Coached from 1977 to 1983
- 148-92-1 overall record
- Three NJAC Championships
- One World Series Appearance (1983)

FOOTBALL

- 1976-1982, 52-16-4 overall record
- NCAA Division III Tournament Semifinals appearance

J-E-T-S Rings True and Loud at Montclair

Fans on Campus Speak their Mind about the Rollercoaster Ride that was 2009

Jon Fazio
STAFF WRITER

As the final seconds ticked away at Sunday’s AFC Championship game, the New York Jets stood on the sidelines staring at the Indianapolis Colts, celebrating a trip to Miami for Super Bowl XLIV.

They were one game away from what most thought was out of reach for the Jets just one month ago. As the team walked off the field, they realized the magical ride during the postseason came to a halt. But, this may be the motivation the team will use to become stronger for years to come. And the fans are starting to believe that this team can be the team to beat for seasons to come.

“No matter how they did this season, it’s just a training ground for next season,” says junior Brian Pastor, a physical education major as well as a loyal Jet fan. “They did great this season and I felt that Sanchez matured a lot throughout the year and especially in the playoffs.”

The Jets reminded a fan base that had forgotten what it meant to truly believe, just what that emotion was all about. They showed everybody in the league what they are capable of producing on the field. A rookie coach and a rookie quarterback made an unlikely run to the AFC Championship game.

But in the end, they fell short. They didn’t throw the game away or completely melt down. The Jets lost because they were simply outsmarted and outplayed by an elite Colts team and coaching staff. It’s strange to think about this because a month ago, Coach Ryan wrongly stated that this team was officially out of the playoffs. Of course, he was quickly notified that they were still in the hunt to make the playoffs and in the following week shutout the Bengals 37-0 to help reach the playoffs.

So what’s next for this team? Can they make another run like the one this sea-



Photo Illustration by Mark Banas | *The Montclarion*

Quarterback Mark Sanchez, running back Thomas Jones, and cornerback Darrelle Revis were all instrumental in the New York Jets’ surprise run to the AFC Championship. The Jets fell in that game, 30-17, to the Indianapolis Colts.

son? Or better yet, reach the Super Bowl? Phil Goncalves, a junior at Montclair State, thinks they’re on the right track. But there is still much for them to do in the off-season.

“I think the Jets need to look for a star wide receiver for Sanchez in this year’s draft,” says Goncalves. “If they’re able to

get that and a stud defensive lineman, they will be tough to beat. They also have to make adjustments to their defense in the offseason. They have a great rookie quarterback and running back, along with a rookie coach to lead them for years to come.”

In any case, it was definitely a season

to remember for Jets fans. This season was filled with ups and downs with all sorts of twists and turns. But for the first time in a while, it left Jets fans wanting more, rather than hardship and bitterness. It made you feel good to be a fan of this team again and that statement alone speaks volumes.

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In what was a very physical game from the start (18 penatlies, 44 total minutes spent in the box), MSU Ice Hockey dropped their seventh game of the season in their 5-3 loss against William Paterson Friday.

“This was definitely the most physical game of the year,” said senior captain Zach Lancaster. “Over my years here the rivalry with WPU has really developed.”

The physicality and aggressive play of the Red Hawks only caused problems for themselves. Out of the 18 penalties enforced on Friday, 14 of them were on MSU. They spent a total of 36 minutes in the penalty box. That’s over half the game. And let’s face the facts, when a team is down a man for over half a game, it makes it extremely difficult to come out with a win.

“We had 36 penalty minutes, they had four,” said Lancaster. “When a team does that, they get worn down because the same players are out there killing penalties ... Nevertheless, WPU got a lot of breaks with the ref as far as power plays.”

WPU scored three goals during power plays. With a final of 5-3, these goals were vital for Willie P.

Aside from beating themselves with penalties, our Red Hawks did play some good hockey. They jumped out to an early 1-0 lead only two minutes when Mike Davis found the net. Four minutes later, WPU’s Ryan Mara tied the score at one.

In the second period, Shaun McTigue gave the Pioneers their first of three power play goals (this one was a five-on-three) and a 2-1 lead. Cody Inglis

came through for the Red Hawks three minutes later to tie it up at two. They went into the third period with two goals apiece.

WPU’s second power play goal came off the stick of Craig Junda (Matt Gillen with the assist) to take a 3-2 lead with 17 minutes to go. After Albert Campbell got called for a two-minute interference penalty against WPU, J.T. Baxter capitalized with a power play goal to tied the game at three (assisted by: Tyler Timek, Matt Minda).

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Senior Captain

With the game tied at three and less than 12 minutes left in the game, a technical error killed MSU’s momentum.

When Tommy Tomensky was on his way to serve a two-minute slashing penalty, WPU coach Joe Ballance (ex- MSU coach) noticed that Tomensky wasn’t on MSU’s roster sheet. This serves as an automatic disqualification for Tomensky and another two minute minor. At this time, Brian Waitt got called for a 10-minute major misconduct penalty as well.

This gave the Pioneers a five-on-three advantage and a major edge in an already tight game. One minute later, Albert Campbell found the back of the net for William Paterson’s third power play goal and their second goal during a five-on-

three advantage.

With six and a half minutes left, Steven Orozco shut the door on the Red Hawks. He gave the Pioneers a 5-3 lead and what they needed to close out the game and get the win.

Although Red Hawk goaltender Kevin Fox gave up five goals, he had 29 saves. In a game when his team was short-handed for over half the game, his play was definitely one of the major factors in keeping MSU in the game the whole 60 minutes.

The very next day, the Red Hawks dropped a 2-1 loss against the University of Connecticut. In a complete turnaround, MSU only had served two minutes in the penalty box on a slashing penalty by Tommy Tomensky.

Adam Delgado scored in the first period for Connecticut and Tyler Slomkowski gave them a 2-0 lead in the second.

Co-Captain Zach Lancaster did find the net in the latter half of the third period (assist by Andre Sigismondo), but the Red Hawks fell 2-1 to lose their second game of the weekend.

“Overall, it was a frustrating loss Friday,” Lancaster said, “but against UCONN we bounced back. Even though we lost, we had 69 shots on goal, that’s double the usual amount.”

The Red Hawks are now 14-8-4 and are looking forward to the postseason. Even though they lost their past two games, this is still a team to be reckoned with. They are arguably having one of their best seasons of the team’s history.

“There are three more weekends left in the regular season,” said Lancaster. “We are definitely making the playoffs.”

Ice Hockey’s next home game is Saturday, Jan. 30, against NYU.

Men’s Basketball		
	NJAC	Overall
North WPU	7 - 0	18 - 1
Ramapo	5 - 2	14 - 4
RU-Newark	3 - 4	13 - 6
NJCU	3 - 4	9 - 8
MSU	2 - 6	9 - 9
South		
Stockton	4 - 3	14 - 5
Rowan	4 - 3	13 - 5
TCNJ	4 - 3	11 - 6
Kean	4 - 4	7 - 12
RU-Camden	0 - 7	5 - 11

This Week
1/30 @ RU-Camden 3 p.m.
2/3 vs. RU-Newark 8 p.m.

Last Week
1/23 TCNJ 96 MSU 72

Women’s Basketball		
	NJAC	Overall
North WPU	6 - 1	18 - 1
MSU	5 - 3	11 - 8
RU-Newark	2 - 5	7 - 11
NJCU	2 - 5	4 - 12
Ramapo	1 - 6	7 - 11
South		
Kean	8 - 0	19 - 1
Rowan	5 - 2	11 - 6
TCNJ	4 - 3	11 - 8
Stockton	3 - 4	8 - 9
RU-Camden	0 - 7	2 - 14

This Week
1/30 @ RU-Camden 1 p.m.
2/3 vs. RU-Newark 6 p.m.

Last Week
1/23 TCNJ 65 MSU 61
1/26 Cabrini 65 MSU 54

Swimming & Diving		
	NJAC	Overall
Men’s		
TCNJ	3 - 0	8 - 1
Rowan	3 - 0	5 - 3
Ramapo	1 - 2	5 - 2
WPU	0 - 2	7 - 2
MSU	0 - 3	5 - 5
Women’s		
TCNJ	3 - 0	7 - 1
Rowan	3 - 0	4 - 3
MSU	1 - 2	4 - 5
WPU	0 - 2	8 - 3
Ramapo	0 - 3	3 - 6

This Week
No Meets Scheduled

Last Week
1/23 Men-Rowan 180 MSU 102
Women-Rowan 167.5 MSU 126.5
1/26 Men-MSU 157 Vassar 132

Ice Hockey		
	SECHL	Overall
WPU	8 - 2 - 0	19 - 6 - 0
Siena	6 - 3 - 1	12 - 8 - 2
Marist	5 - 3 - 0	11 - 5 - 0
MSU	4 - 4 - 2	14 - 6 - 3
N. H.	4 - 2 - 1	10 - 7 - 1
CCSU	4 - 4 - 0	11 - 9 - 1
NYU	1 - 6 - 0	10 - 8 - 0
Holy Cross	0 - 8 - 0	1 - 8 - 0

This Week
1/29 @ Marist College 9:15 p.m.
1/30 vs. NYU 8:30 p.m.

Last Week
1/22 WPU 5 MSU 3
1/23 Connecticut 2 MSU 1

WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK



Zak Westerberg
Freestyle — Men’s Swimming
Westerberg helped guide the Red Hawks with victories in the 100 and 200 yard freestyle races as MSU defeated Vassar College.



Kisandra Ayanbeku
Forward — Women’s Basketball
Ayanbeku led the Red Hawks with 16 points and eight rebounds in MSU’s 65-54 loss to Cabrini on Tuesday.



Ashley Vallone
Freestyle— Women’s Swimming
Vallone grabbed a victory in the 100 yard freestyle and finished second in the 50 and 200 yard freestyle as the Red Hawks fell to Rowan on Saturday.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Ice Hockey
Jan. 30, 8:30 p.m.
Floyd Hall Arena
vs. NYU



MSU looks to get back above .500 in the SECHL on Saturday as they host New York University.



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Men's Basketball Stays on Skid, Falls to TCNJ, Drew; Now 9-10 Overall

Kris Hunte
STAFF WRITER

The Montclair State Red Hawks continue their downward spiral in the NJAC with a 96-72 loss to the TCNJ Lions, their sixth straight loss of the season. The Hawks are now 2-6 within the NJAC, a major descent compared to last season's 11-1 record in the conference.

They continue to struggle to locate any form of consistency on the offensive side of the court, averaging a sub par 39 percent from the field and 57 percent from the free throw line for the year.

MSU Head Coach Ted Fiore commented on the offensive woes of the Red Hawks saying, "When your leading scorer [Daniel McRae] is only averaging 10 points per game and no one else is in double figures, you're not going to score very well."

Most of the team's wins have come from their aggressive defense, but no complementary play on the opposite end has resulted in the teams 9-10 overall record so far.

The first half was a seesaw competition between the two schools, resulting in three lead changes within those 20 minutes and TCNJ leading only by five points at the midway break.

The Red Hawks consistently shot themselves in the foot by committing numerous turnovers. They gave up the ball 10 times within the first half, 18 overall. This awarded TCNJ the opportunity to score quickly and easily, resulting in 18 fast break points and a total of 28 points off of the turnovers by MSU.

The free throw battle was also handily won by TCNJ. They shot 81 percent from the stripe on 18 of 22 attempts, as opposed to Montclair's 54 percent on 12 of 22. TCNJ senior guard Jay Frank led the game with 24 points as well as a game-high five assists. The Red Hawk junior guard Rodney Freeney was the lone offensive weapon in MSU's arsenal, scoring a team-high 18 points.

The Red Hawks this season have been plagued with some unlucky circumstances that have hindered their ability to build off of last season's success.

Coach Fiore explained further by stating, "Two players who were awarded All-Conference can't play on the team due to academic reasons. We also lost Ken Dudley to a fractured wrist. Hopefully, we can get him back for the next game."

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Seventh Straight Loss a Heartbreaker for Men



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Senior Daniel McRae goes up to block a shot in the Red Hawks' 74-71 overtime loss to Drew on Wednesday night.

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SPORTS EDITOR

With one second left in overtime and Drew leading 74-71, senior forward Daniel McRae tossed up a prayer from half court to try to tie the game. As the buzzer sounded, the ball was in mid flight and everyone in Panzer held their breath.

The sigh came moments later. The shot: wide right.

Drew University (5-12) gave the Red Hawks their seventh loss in a row last night and their third NJAC loss in a row.

Although this loss marked a season low for MSU, now with a sub-par 9-10 record, it was definitely one roller coaster ride of a game.

MSU jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, and played solid basketball for most of the first half. They held the momentum and kept the crowd in the game, partly due to McRae's electric play. It seemed almost every time he touched the ball he did something to evoke cheers from the crowd.

Between monster dunks and clutch blocks, he had Panzer at the edge of its feet. Even though he only had six points on the day, he was a major factor and

a presence in the game.

Montclair held the lead for most of the first half, but Drew was always one step behind them. Every time the Red Hawks made a big play, the Rangers would come right back and stick with them.

Although they had a 30-27 lead at the half, they couldn't feel very comfortable with Drew breathing right down their necks every time they tried to pull away. That three point lead very easily could have been a double-digit lead if it wasn't for the sloppy ball handling and shooting only 38 percent from the field.

"Poor shooting has been our nemesis," said assistant coach Art Pasquale. "If we made some of the easy shots, we wouldn't have had to go to overtime. That's been our problem all year long."

When the second half started, Drew seemed to suck the life out of MSU. They turned a 30-27 deficit into a 41-33 lead. For the first 10 minutes of the half, Drew controlled the entire game. Montclair committed 10 fouls in about seven minutes, which put Drew in the bonus with 13 minutes left in the game.

During that time, almost every possession was wasted by

the Red Hawks, either by sloppy ball handling or poor shooting. Their defense wasn't much better.

"Defensively, we allowed them to get a couple shots they shouldn't have gotten, and we threw the ball away in a couple of spots," said assistant coach Ben Candelino.

There were at least three separate occasions Drew just took it to the hole and dropped it in almost like they were uncontested. The most frequent visitor to the hoop for Drew was junior guard Mike Mayes. He racked up 38 points, five assists and three steals.

Nevertheless, late in the second half MSU woke up. They rallied back, down 57-55 with three minutes left. McRae provided a wake up call for the crowd once again as he blocked a shot that could have clinched the game for Drew.

After a Rodney Freeney three-pointer, MSU had a one-point lead with just over one minute to go. Freshman Kyle Joyce answered right back for Drew from downtown, giving them a 60-58 lead.

With 18 seconds left, senior John Byrne (14 points) threw down a three-pointer of his own, giving MSU a 61-60 lead with

seconds remaining. Mayes, the leading scorer for the Rangers, had the game in his hands. As he went up for the layup, he drew a foul from junior guard Tom Bonard, who was one of the major factors in MSU's late comeback efforts (14 points, two assists).

Mayes missed the first shot, but made the second and tied the game at 61.

With three tenths of a second remaining on the clock, Bonard air-mailed a perfect pass for McRae to tip in, but he was off by mere centimeters. The game went to overtime.

The Ranger jumped to a four point lead within the first minute of overtime and never really looked back from there.

"Drew deserved to win, they played hard," said Pasquale. "We made it a little easier for them, but we lost a lot of close games and poor shooting is definitely our nemesis."

The Red Hawks now dropped to a 9-10 overall record (2-6 NJAC).

With that last sigh as the buzzer-beater missed its mark, everyone at Panzer realized that, that was the story of the season for Men's Basketball. They just seem to keep missing their mark.